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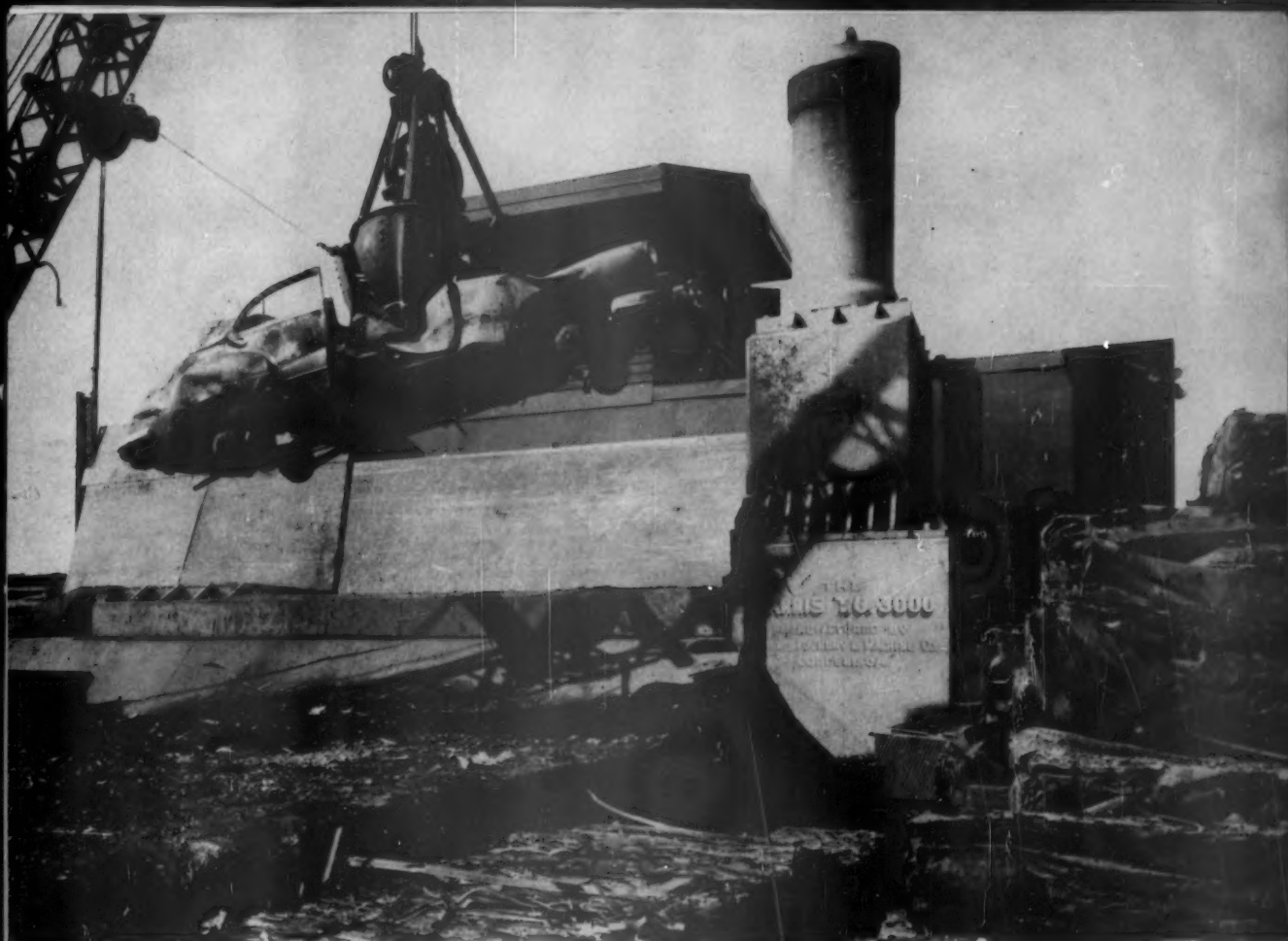
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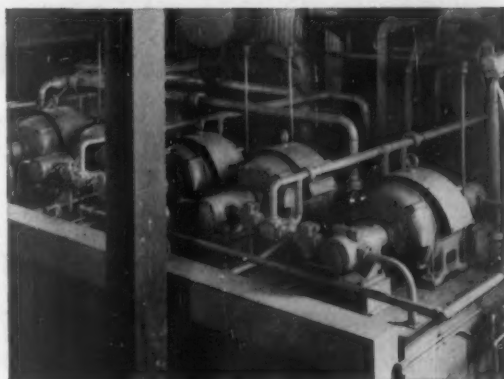


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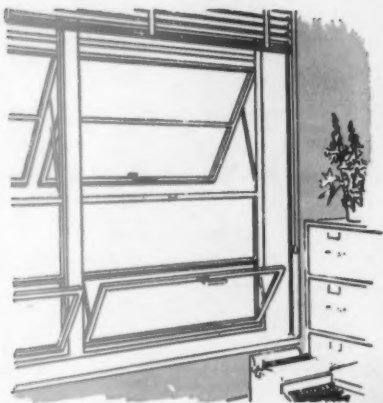
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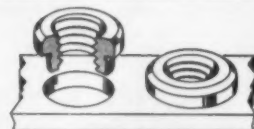
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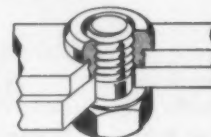
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Steel Inventories Building Up

IT won't be long before steel inventories are back to normal levels. That's the word from the Steel Service Center Institute, which represents the nation's steel warehouses. Most warehouse stocks of finished and semi-finished steel "will be back to desired levels" by April—except for sheets. And by August, even sheet supplies will be adequate.

Stocks held by steel-using companies generally follow the same pattern as the steel warehouses. This means that industrial purchasing agents are buying steel heavily now in anticipation of reaching their normal inventory levels this summer.

Service center stocks were down to a low of 825,000 tons on December 5th. From that point, they rose to 950,000 tons early last month. By the second quarter, inventories will probably be back to 3 million tons—and will eventually hit 3.4 million tons in mid-summer.

Cold Finished Bars Will Ease Soon

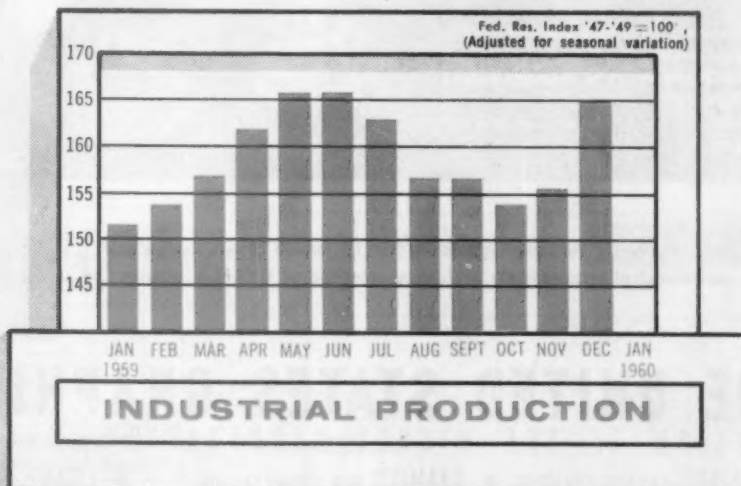
Despite this rosy picture, sheet steel products are expected to be in short supply for around six months. Hot-rolled, cold-rolled, and galvanized sheets "will be the last to come into balance in relation to demand."

However, good stocks of cold finished bars will be available by the middle of this month. Although there will be some holes in certain items and grades, most P.A.'s will be able to fill their requirements easily enough.

Stainless steel products will be in balance by the end of this month. And more plates, shapes, bars, and alloy bars will be available in around 60-70 days.

What's the outlook for steel warehouse sales in 1960? The first half will show a 10% gain over the similar period of '59. But the last six months will probably see a decline of 20% to 25%. The reasons: completion of inventory buildups, higher interest rates (see Washington Report, p. 21), and a possible business falloff towards the end of the year. (Turn Page)

The newly-revised Federal Reserve Board Industrial Production Index rose to 165 in December. This marks a nine point advance over the previous month.



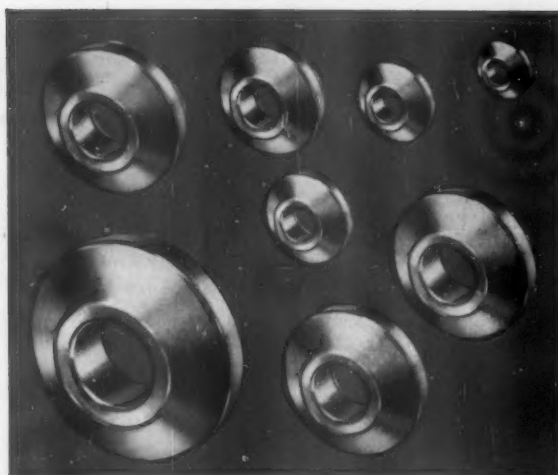
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Overall, the steel service centers will buy at least 11 million tons of steel from the mills in 1960. Of this, they will ship roughly 8.5 million to purchasing agents—around 800,000 tons less than strike-hit 1959. The remainder will be used for their own inventory replacement, with most of it purchased in the first half.

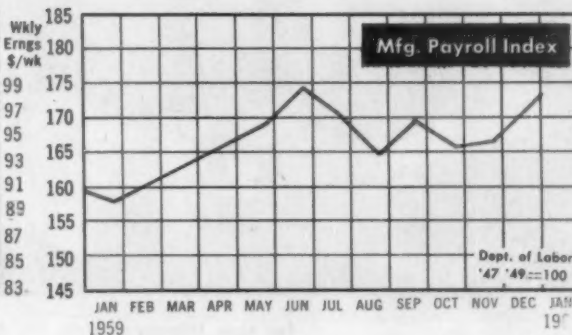
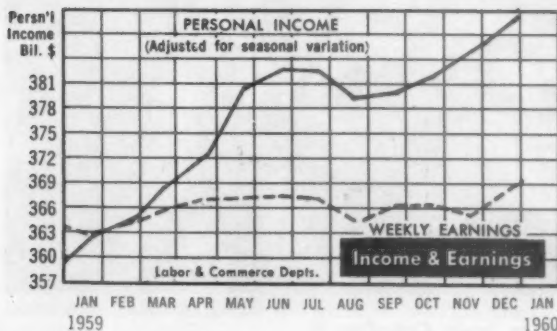
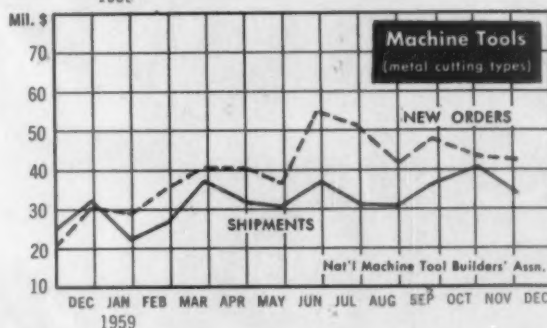
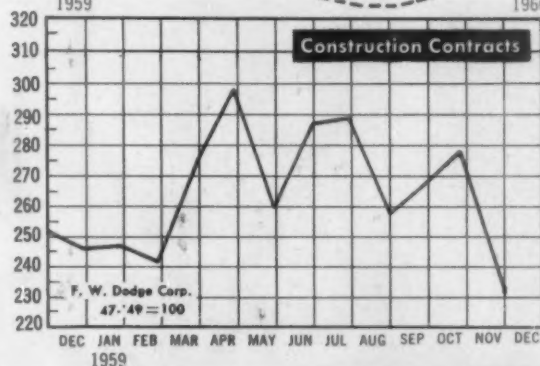
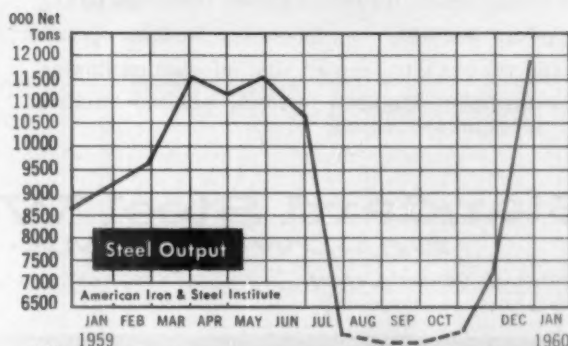
The heads of a number of important companies in a wide variety of industries have outlined their views on profit prospects in 1960. These executives who appeared recently at the National Industrial Conference Board's President's Panel—chairmen and presidents of major corporations—are optimistic about business this year. Many feel that their companies and their industries will reach new peaks in the coming months.

For instance, Willard F. Rockwell, chairman of Rockwell Manufacturing Company, says "certainly the first half of 1960 will reach a new high as a result of accumulation of postponed orders in the second half of 1959."

His company, he said, expects "a very satisfactory year in 1960, provided there are no crippling strikes in the United States." He issued a sharp warning, however, about the constant danger of increased competition from foreign products. "Investment in foreign plants is one answer, but we cannot ignore the fact that the profits from such enterprises may be in jeopardy."

The petroleum industry, too, anticipates a

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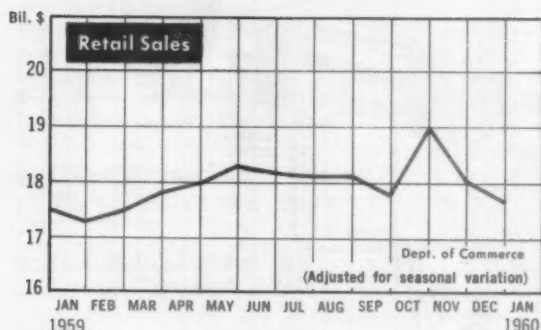
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TRADE



better year in 1960. Robert L. Milligan, president of Pure Oil Company, notes that "a recovery of even a fraction of a cent in average gasoline prices would have a considerable effect on the net profit of our company and the industry in general."

Increasing demand for refined oil is the outlook throughout the year. The result could markedly change the recent trend of over-supply which has depressed both prices and earnings for the oil companies.

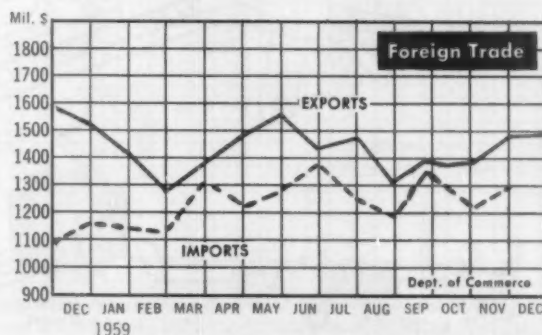
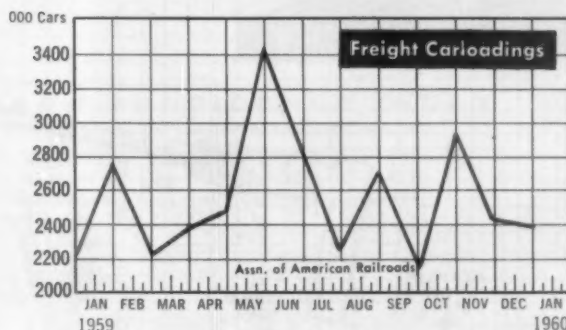
In the construction field, Joseph A. Grazier, president of American Radiator & Standard Sanitary Corporation, anticipates a 2% rise in dollar outlays for new construction. This will bring total construction up to more than \$55 billion.

While residential housing will be down by around 150,000 starts, nonresidential building will more than offset the decline. Government-sponsored construction is likely to maintain its 1959 level.

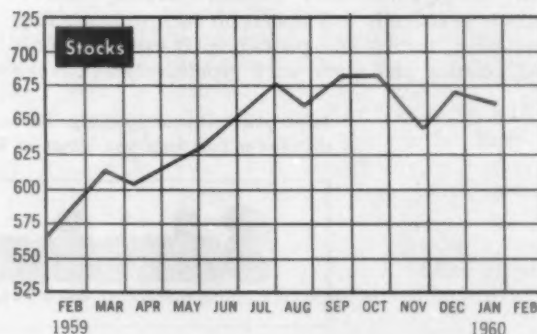
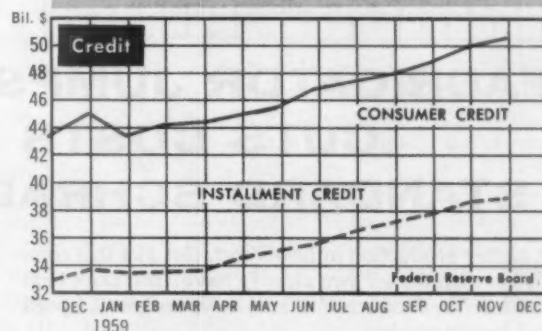
Similarly optimistic statements were made for banking and equity markets. Experts in these areas cited the prospects for better business in all areas of the economy.

What does this add up to? A record year in most industries. Higher incomes for wage earners. And greater all-round prosperity for businessmen everywhere.

The big question mark now, of course, is 1961. The possibility of another inventory recession next year is a large cloud on the horizon. Thus the maintenance of balanced material stocks in 1960 will be one of the vital factors that can keep the economy on the upward slope in the years ahead.

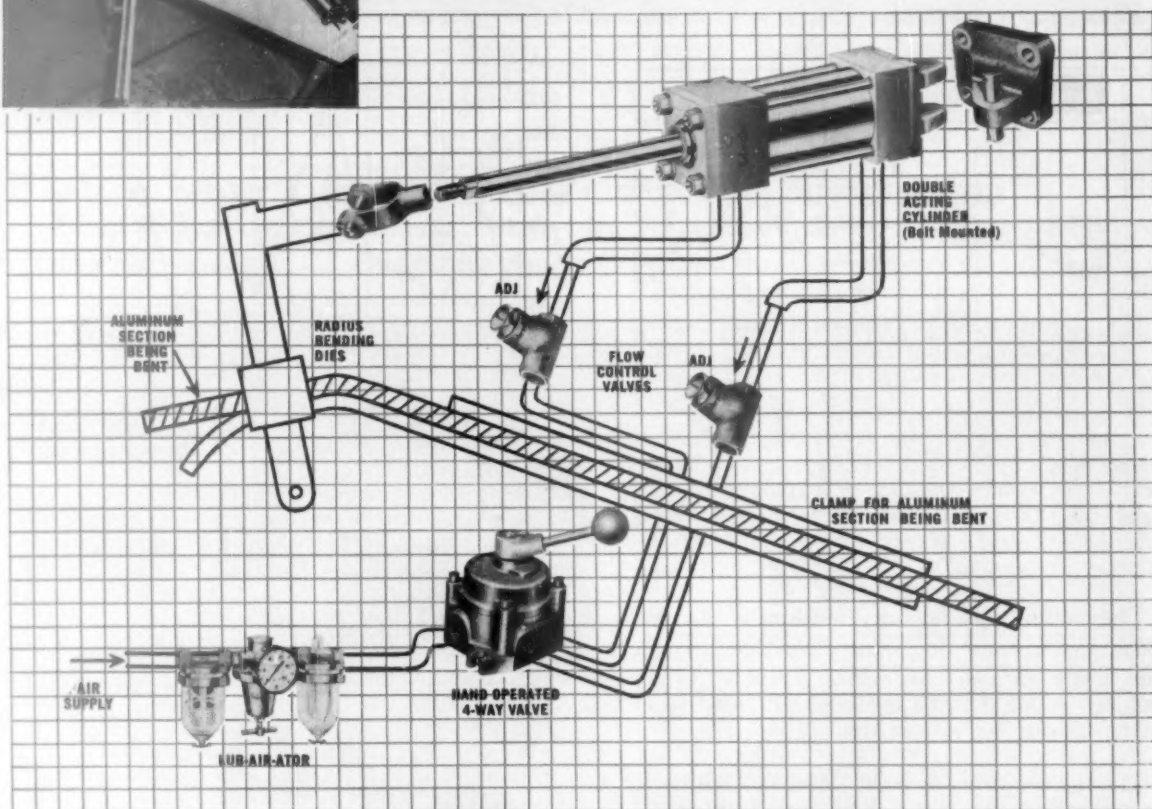


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The P.A.'s Outlook

- P.A.'s Optimistic About Business in First Half
- Confidence Index Shows Three Point Advance
- N.A.P.A. Sees High Level Through 1960

PA. OPTIMISM over the first half of 1960 is growing.

Responses from purchasing agents throughout the country to PURCHASING Magazine's Business Confidence Poll indicate growing enthusiasm about the economic outlook. So do business surveys conducted by the National Association of Purchasing Agents and the Chicago, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Georgia, and Canadian associations.

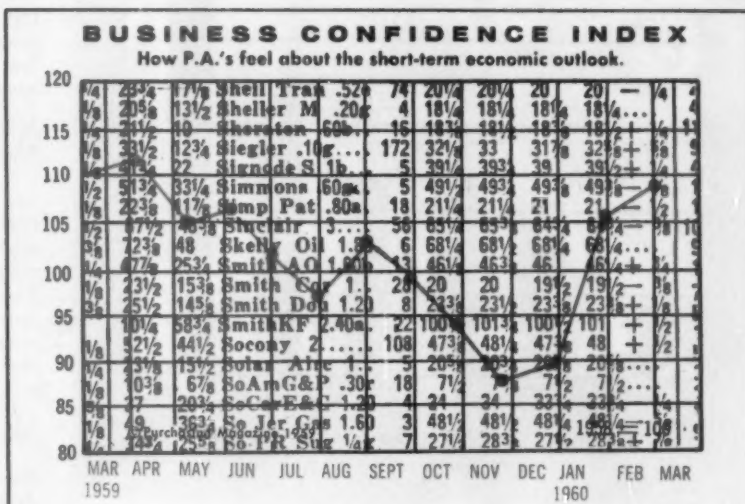
Confidence Index Up

The Business Confidence Index—which measures buyers' opinions of the short-term economic outlook—advanced three points to 109 (1958=100). Over 1000 P.A.'s from coast to coast were surveyed to obtain their views on business conditions in February, March, and April.

These opinions can be summarized in the comment of an Iowa P.A. who says "the year 1960 should be one of the best in the history of this country. We can meet and beat foreign competition."

And a purchasing agent for a Cleveland manufacturer notes "the resumption of steel operations means that we can move full speed ahead this year."

According to N.A.P.A., "1960 business will be good, not only for the first six months, as forecast by some economists, but for the entire year. A significant 68%



Purchasing Magazine's Business Confidence Index—based on a cross-section of P.A. opinion throughout the country—rose three points in February to 109 (1958=100). This increase indicates increased optimism among purchasing agents about the business outlook during the next three months.

of our members predict that the first six months of 1960 will be even better than the high level conditions that prevailed in the same period of 1959."

However, it cautions P.A.'s about "the possible upsetting effect of further serious labor difficulties. Among the other items causing some concern are those of tight money, high interest rates, and foreign competition."

Says the Chicago P.A.A.: "Prices remain quite strong, with almost imperceptible change noted over the past four months."

Regarding stocks, it reports that "the movement toward larger inventories continues, with a marked decrease in the number of companies reporting smaller stocks." Employment, it says, is stable.

The Cleveland group says "the tempo has picked up slightly in production and new orders."

It adds that the "long term

view of business for the coming year is generally optimistic."

The Pittsburgh association reports that deliveries by vendors are faster than the previous month. At the same time, it notes, prices paid for principle items remain the same.

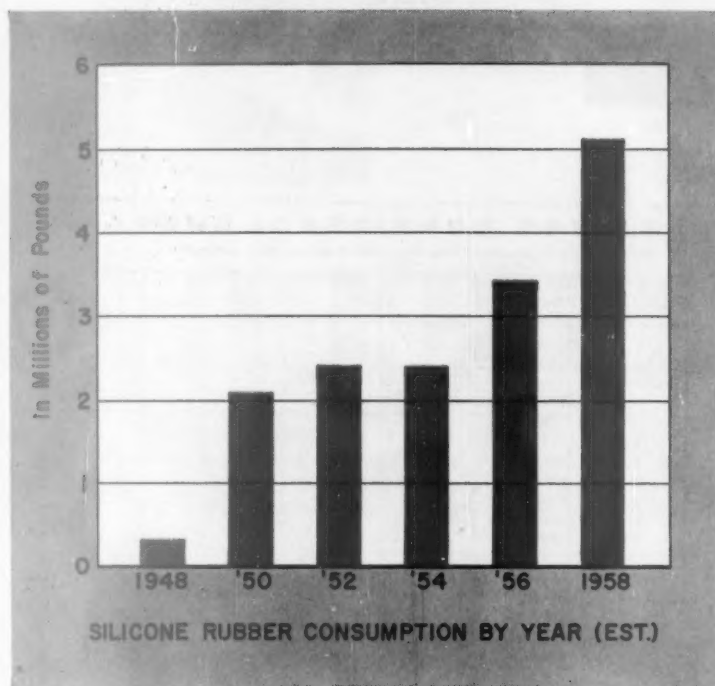
Thirty-nine percent of those surveyed in its report note larger backlogs than the previous month. One-quarter state that backlogs are the same, while 36% say theirs are smaller.

From the Georgia association comes the news that "65% of the membership reported a better business condition from the standpoint of volume."

It also says that "prices, by and large, remain the same." However, 30% report paying higher prices for principle items purchased.

The Canadian group says "operations are still at a higher level than in the same period last year."

When Rubber Is Cheap At \$3/lb.



The cost of a material is not always what it seems.

To find the *real* price of an item, you have to somehow relate its cost to how well it does the job. For example: razor blades. They're cheap. A dollar's worth will shave you for a month. Yet a *pound* of blades would cost over 30 dollars. But again, no other material will do the job . . . unless you "design around it". Which in this case might mean growing a beard or using an electric. And the electric requires a power source. In other words, you can't equate price-per-pound with performance. You can think of dozens of other examples of this in your own plant: how much do you pay per pound for pencils, typewriter ribbon, cellophane tape, rubber bands?

The mention of rubber brings us to the point. Dow Corning produces a premium synthetic rubber that appears, on a dollars-per-pound basis, expensive. It's Silastic®, the Dow Corning silicone rubber, and it sells for \$3.00 a pound and up. *Yet* — and this is a big *yet* — this is really cheap when you consider that Silastic is so often the only material that will do the job right.

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Price Trends

- Increase Noted In Nonferrous Demand
- Copper, Lead Stocks Are Sharply Reduced

PURCHASING AGENTS stepped up their buying of nonferrous metals last month. With the production of many metal fabricators increasing, the demand for raw materials has been boosted.

Here's the current situation in some of the major commodities bought by P.A.'s:

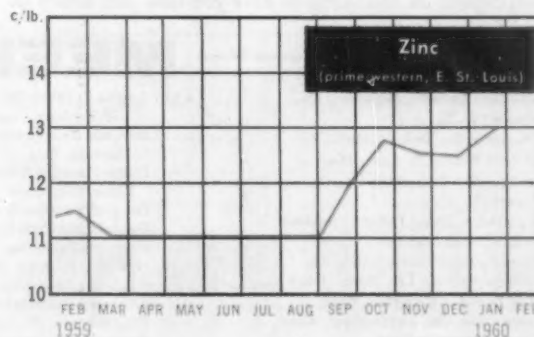
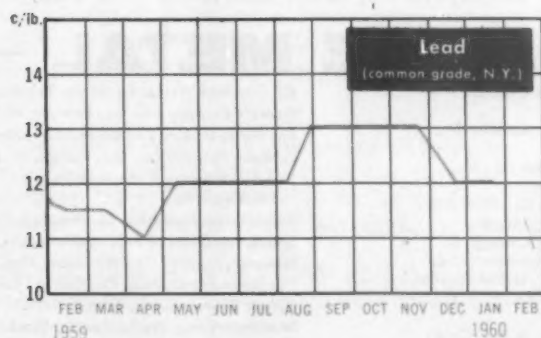
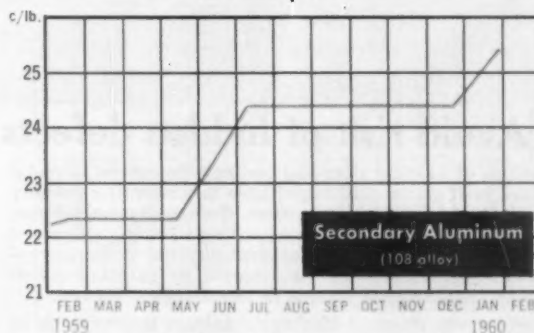
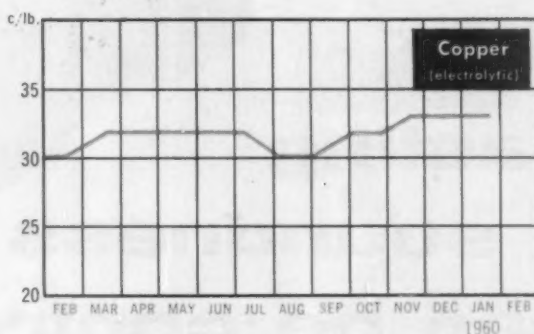
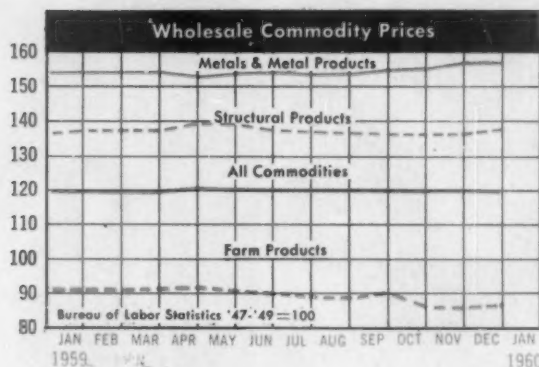
Tin: Tin trading has developed a firmer undertone in New York, London, and Singapore. Purchasing agents for tin platers bought fair tonnages recently.

Consumption of primary tin in the United States was 2270 tons, according to the latest monthly report of the Bureau of Mines. This marks an increase of 120 tons over the previous month.

Aluminum: Domestic production of primary aluminum advanced in the latest monthly report from the Aluminum Association. Production was 162,996 tons—up 9,330 tons from the month earlier.

Total aluminum output in 1959 amounted to 1,953,039 tons. This marked a 387,483 ton increase over the previous year. The record month for '59 was July—when over 179,000 tons were produced.

Zinc: The zinc price hike last month was spurred by the buying wave that followed the steel settlement. With purchasing agents for the steel companies accounting for almost half of the





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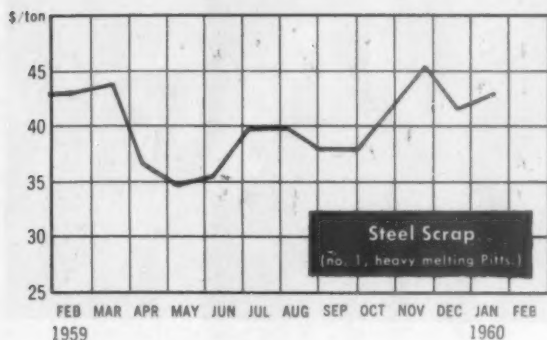
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Price Trends



tonnage consumed, zinc sales have been quite active in recent weeks.

Buyers for galvanizers will purchase somewhere around 476,000 tons of zinc this year, predicts the Business and Defense Services Administration. In 1959, galvanizers bought 340,000 tons.

Copper: The longest strike in the history of the American copper industry continues, involving 10,000 men at Western mines, smelters, and refineries. Nevertheless, the price tone is subdued—despite the limited supply and the increasing lack of available foreign metal.

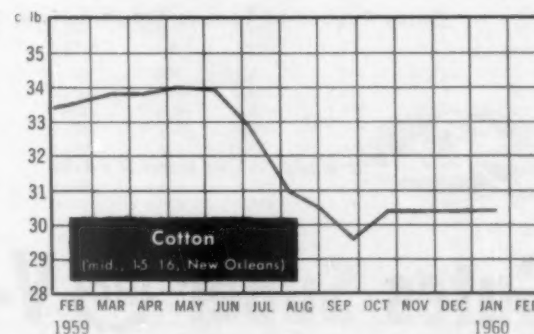
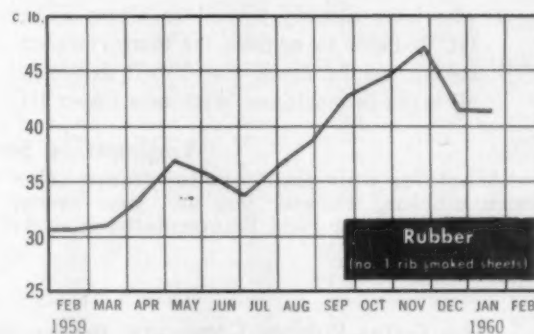
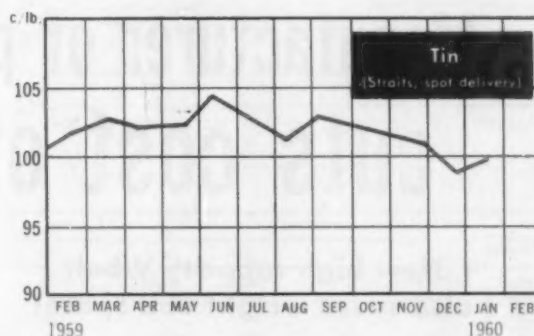
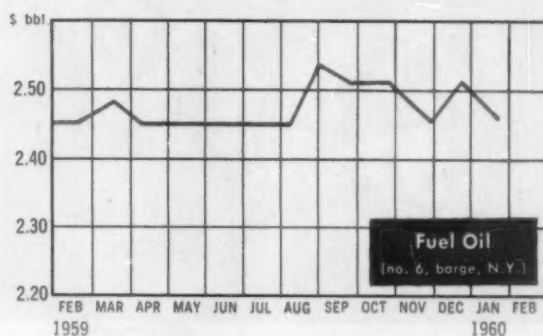
Further declines in domestic stocks and a slight increase in shipments and production were noted in the latest report of the Copper Institute. Stocks fell 9879 tons to 64,763 tons in December, marking a yearly low. Shipments rose 6497 tons to 90,123 tons, while mine production advanced 4899 tons to 23,250 tons.

Lead: Don't be surprised to see a lead price boost in the next few months. The reason: inventories held by producers are dropping. Currently, lead is selling for 12 cents a pound.

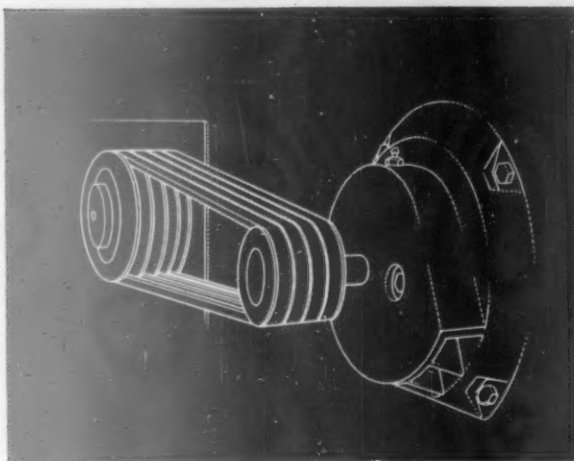
The latest report of the American Bureau of Metal Statistics shows that stocks were down 1171 tons to 106,678 tons. This figure is sharply below the 157,385 tons held by producers twelve months earlier.

Wholesale Prices: The December Wholesale Price Index was unchanged from the previous month at 118.9 (1947-49=100). Excluding farm products and foods, the index advanced 0.1% to 128.6.

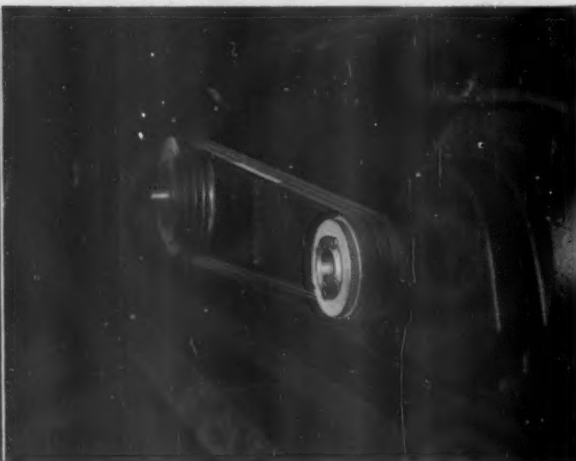
Metals and metal products fell 0.3% following four months of rise. Lower prices were also noted for scrap, babbitt, and solder.



BEFORE: This drawing of the former 4-belt drive on a clothes pressing unit is in the same scale as the photo of new Super HC V-Belt Drive at right. Heavy sheaves needed for 4 belts imposed high bearing loads.



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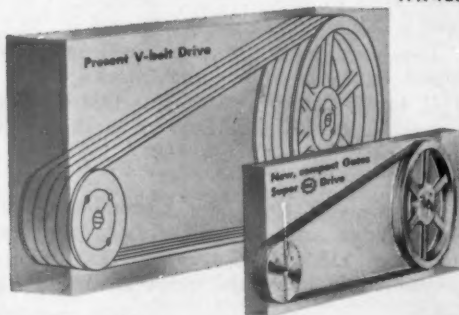
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Sales, Inventories, Orders

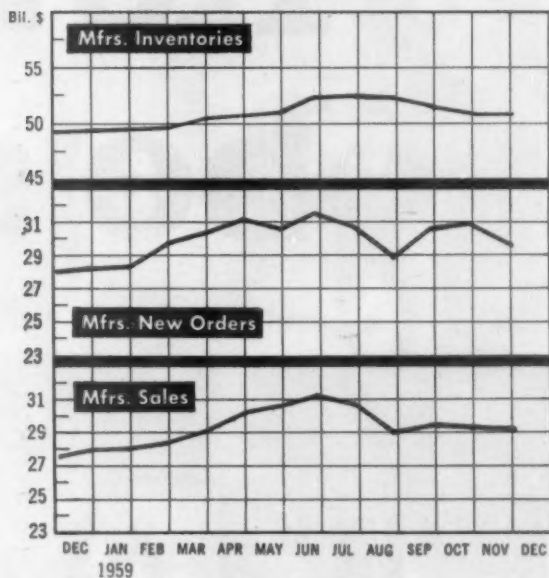
● Sales, Orders Fall; Inventories Constant

MANUFACTURERS' sales and new orders declined in November on a seasonally-adjusted basis—primarily as a result of the steel strike. However, inventories remained constant.

Sales fell \$200 million to \$29.2 billion. The entire drop was in the steel-struck durable goods area—which fell \$500 million to \$13.5 billion. Nondurables rose \$200 million in the same period to \$15.7 billion.

New business dropped \$1 billion to \$29.5 billion. Here too, the effect was totally in the hard goods sector—which was off \$1.2 billion to \$13.9 billion. Soft goods advanced \$200 million to \$15.6 billion.

Inventories of manufacturers were \$51.5 billion, the same as the previous month. Durables stocks advanced \$100 million, while inventories of nondurables producers declined by the same amount.



Manufacturers' Sales Seasonally Adjusted (Millions of Dollars)

	1958	1959
All manufacturing industries.....	27,467	30,858
Durable-goods industries.....	13,295	15,384
Primary metal.....	2,113	2,104
Fabricated metal.....	1,553	1,787
Machinery.....	3,951	4,778
Transportation equipment.....	3,040	3,667
Lumber and furniture.....	891	1,077
Stone, clay, and glass.....	667	805
Nondurable-goods industries.....	14,172	15,474
Food and beverage.....	4,436	4,540
Tobacco.....	378	382
Textile.....	1,102	1,256
Paper.....	936	1,060
Chemical.....	2,023	2,171
Petroleum and coal.....	2,819	3,093
Rubber.....	472	519

Manufacturers' Inventories Seasonally Adjusted (Millions of Dollars)

	1958	1959
All manufacturing industries.....	49,297	52,241
Durable-goods industries.....	27,877	30,349
Primary metal.....	4,058	4,108
Fabricated metal.....	2,896	3,411
Machinery.....	8,954	9,802
Transportation equipment.....	6,576	7,397
Lumber and furniture.....	1,730	1,823
Stone, clay, and glass.....	1,223	1,270
Non-durable goods industries.....	21,420	21,892
Food and beverage.....	4,676	4,847
Tobacco.....	1,861	1,838
Textile.....	2,456	2,534
Paper.....	1,419	1,457
Chemical.....	3,767	3,847
Petroleum and coal.....	3,324	3,314
Rubber.....	1,018	1,075

Manufacturers' New Orders Seasonally Adjusted (Millions of Dollars)

	1958	1959
All manufacturing industries.....	27,797	30,827
Durable-goods industries.....	13,574	15,493
Nondurable-goods industries.....	14,223	15,334

	1958	1959
Nov.	July	Aug.
27,467	30,858	29,818
13,295	15,384	14,113
2,113	2,104	1,212
1,553	1,787	1,759
3,951	4,778	4,651
3,040	3,667	3,577
891	1,077	977
667	805	718
14,172	15,474	15,260
4,436	4,540	4,511
378	382	395
1,102	1,256	1,222
936	1,060	1,011
2,023	2,171	2,157
2,819	3,093	3,071
472	519	492
15,401	15,667	15,705
4,578	4,718	4,618
398	439	408
1,201	1,214	1,222
1,005	1,012	1,029
2,208	2,248	2,273
3,138	3,234	3,301
582	476	544
51,419	51,530	51,892
29,221	29,332	29,817
3,873	3,953	3,923
3,117	2,890	3,117
9,807	9,693	9,741
6,830	6,931	7,305
1,858	1,864	1,860
1,323	1,348	1,277
22,198	22,198	22,075
4,780	4,791	4,833
1,953	1,972	1,930
2,572	2,500	2,495
1,480	1,405	1,471
4,008	4,056	3,970
3,361	3,275	3,267
1,119	1,116	1,114
30,367	29,549	30,552
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Washington Report

New Budget May Stifle Inflation Fears

- **Less government borrowing**
- **Higher interest rates**
- **Greater inventory accumulation**



Vice President Richard M. Nixon (r.) and Secretary of Labor James Mitchell—who shaped the steel settlement last month—will be in the forefront of the Administration's budget battle during this session of Congress.

WHITE HOUSE BUDGET proposals have set the pattern for the government's policy during the next year and a half—with the forecast of a sizable surplus for fiscal '61 quieting many of the fears of an inflationary cycle.

Whether a surplus of \$4.2 billion can be piled up will remain a question throughout the fiscal year. The projection is based on a high level of national income and no further breakthroughs in government expenditures.

What does appear certain is that the government will cease to be a net borrower. Any surplus that results will tend to make government securities more attractive to investors.

More Loan Money

For the purchasing agent planning to rebuild inventories, the forecast of a budget surplus suggests that the tightness in money will ease up. With less government borrowing, there should be more loan money available for industrial borrowers.

This prospect of cheaper money is somewhat shaded by Administration plans to press Congress

for removal of the 4¼% limit on interest the government can pay in issuing securities of five years maturity or longer. The White House effort to raise this limit is aimed at the issuance of long-term securities bearing an interest rate that will attract investors. This type of refinancing operation would make the government's job of borrowing easier, but at the same time would firm up the higher interest rates that loan money now commands.

Federal Reserve Board analysts see money becoming more available by late spring and mid-summer, during the period when inventory accumulation is at a peak. Money supply will also be easier for plant expansion and new equipment purchase.

Nevertheless, government money analysts do not anticipate a reversal of the trend toward higher interest rates.

• **3 Million to Receive Automatic Wage Hikes**

The vast majority of workers covered by union contracts received wage increases last year—

with the most common increase between 7 and 9¢ an hour.

This trend will continue in 1960. At least 3 million workers will receive automatic increases this year as the result of contracts previously negotiated.

For purchasing agents, who are vitally concerned with price trends, labor contracts will continue to be important in the coming months. And were it not for P.A.'s who built up an ample inventory of steel and nonferrous metals prior to the strikes last year, the work stoppages would have had even more dire effects.

Last year, with the exception of metals, most of the wage settlements were in non-durable goods manufacturing and in non-manufacturing. In 1960, the largest single agreement which will expire is the national contract covering 150,000 workers in the men's clothing industry.

Steel Didn't Set a Trend

Other major industry contract negotiations will be in aircraft, shipbuilding, and electrical products. About half of the agreements covering 5,000 or more



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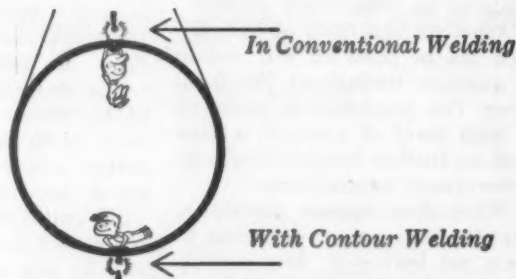
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workers expire this year. Most of the other agreements provide for deferred wage increases, allow for cost-of-living increases, or permit wage reopenings.

It is apparent that the settlement in steel neither set a new trend nor established a new pattern. But the automatic increases in wages, which have been built into the economy by contracts calling for an increase in wages by successive stages, will continue to boost costs during the year ahead.

In addition to having an immediate impact on costs, automatic increases in a number of existing contracts force unions to pressure for higher wages when their own contracts expire—just to keep up with wage scales in other unions whose increases have come automatically.

● Tariff Commission Weighs Lower Quotas

The Tariff Commission is slated to make its recommendations on U.S. policy toward imports of lead and zinc by April 1. The basic issue at stake is whether the quota system for imports should be continued or whether tariffs should be increased.

The currently operating quota system—put into effect in October, 1958—cut down the flow of imports. The purpose was to provide some measure of protection against low-priced imports of non-ferrous metals that had forced the closing of marginal mines in the U.S.

Quotas had the effect of stiffening prices for zinc and, to some extent, lead. But the partial exclusion of imports through use of quotas has not raised prices to a point where U.S. marginal mines could be opened.

Producers Favor Tariffs

Domestic ore producers favor a higher tariff on ores as a more effective method of improving ore prices. However, the present White House position is that the

quota system gives a measure of price protection without prompting foreign counter-measures.

The commission will report to the White House on the economic status of the two metals, and from then on the issue becomes a political decision to be made by the President. Unless the Tariff Commission makes a very strong recommendation for higher tariffs, the quota system will be continued—with the possibility that quotas may be reduced as a sop to domestic producers who want price relief.

● Steel Work Rules Issue To Govern Price Hike

Price raises in steel will depend on whether the unions voluntarily relax the work rules and permit production economies that will offset higher wage rates.

The steel contract provides for a progressive increase in wages, which obviously builds higher costs into the production of iron and steel. The only method of offsetting these costs is improved productivity. This is directly tied into the restrictive work rules which prevail in the industry.

Labor-management analysts claim that it is now up to the USW to show its good faith in establishing more efficient working practices in the mills. This contention is based on the terms of the steel settlement, which have been termed by many as a victory for the union.

If the wage gains ultimately lead to price increases in the absence of productivity improvement, the union will bear the blame.

● Air Force to Count Supplies and Equipment

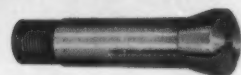
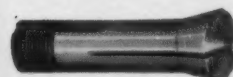
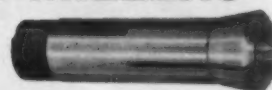
This month, the U.S. Air Force will initiate a world-wide inventory of its supply and equipment assets. The inventory will include all consumption commodities, with each Air Force base making a detailed count.

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taking, as previously developed in the regular quarterly inventory of "Hi-Value" items; the annual inventory of "Middle-Value" items, and the tri-annual inventory of "Lo-Value" items.

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• Commerce Dept. Urges 'Hard Sell' for Exports

The government is devising a bold new program to stimulate exports of U.S. goods abroad. This is the Administration answer to our current adverse balance of trade.

Advocates of tariff protection to reduce the volume of imports have found little support in the Administration. Secretary of Commerce Frederick H. Mueller maintains that any effort on our part to reduce imports would be met by similar measures abroad.

Selling the Goods

Instead Secretary Mueller suggests a "hard sell" program, under which we would go out and sell more U.S. goods abroad. The Commerce official says that our objective should be to sell our wares rather than our economic system.

In essence, he suggests a broad program which includes beefing up the commercial staffs of our embassies abroad with more commercial attaches. He also advocates that we establish trade centers and permanent exhibits abroad. And at the same time, he recommends that the U.S. business community be stimulated to increase exports.

As a final and clinching segment of his plan, Secretary Mueller favors expansion of export credit facilities. This would include an expanded government program of insuring credit extended to foreign buyers. A. N. Weckler

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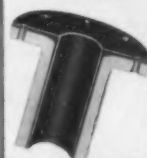


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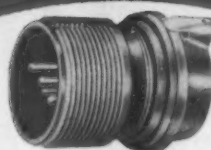
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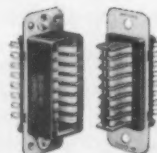


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Purchasing Follow-up

Steel Expert Gives P.A.'s Grim Warning

"Don't be a patsy. Don't believe those who tell you steel will be easy to get. It won't be." That's the sobering advice *Iron Age* Editor-in-Chief Tom Campbell gave P.A.'s at the January meeting of the North Jersey Purchasing Agents Assn., held in Newark, N.J.

As Campbell sees it, steel supplies will be "very tight" through mid-1960 and "relatively tight" during the last half of the year.

Specific steel items which he believes will be under the greatest supply pressure: cold-rolled sheets, galvanized sheets, silicon sheets, special structural shapes, tinplate, hot-rolled bars, cold-rolled strip, hot-rolled sheets, and hot-rolled strip.

Price Hike in Two Months

Campbell was also pessimistic about the steel price outlook. "Those who tell you that costs for the steel companies won't increase until the 7¢-per-hour wage increase goes through Dec. 1 are off base," he declared. "Since January 1, the steelworkers have been getting 6-9¢ an hour in increased insurance benefits. The money has to come from somewhere."

It's Campbell's belief that the small steel companies will be the first to raise prices—probably within a month or two. There's a possibility that a dual pricing situation might exist for a while, with the small companies charging more than the large companies. But the likelihood is that it won't take the large steel producers long to put through their own price hikes. The price increases may be selective, said Campbell, "but you're likely to find that the selected items are the ones you need most."

Even without an official price increase, Campbell warned P.A.'s that steel products will cost more. "You'll be paying for freight that



Iron Age's Tom Campbell

Continuing steel shortages and a price hike soon.

your suppliers used to absorb, you may not be able to get the item you want and have to switch to a higher priced substitute, and there will be extra charges that most P.A.'s haven't even heard of." He estimated the cost of these more-or-less hidden price increases at \$1.50 per ton for the average metalworking company.

"Blood Dates"

Campbell also gave P.A.'s a few critical "blood dates" affecting the steel outlook:

December 1, 1960 when the steelworkers get their 7¢-per-hour wage increase.

October 1, 1961 when steel wages go up again. Cost to the companies will be 10.16¢ per hour. It's likely the steel companies will again raise prices to cover their increased costs.

June 30, 1962 when the current contract runs out. Another strike is probable, said Campbell, because the current agreement was a "shot-gun wedding."

Touching on the negotiations in Washington leading up to the steel settlement, Campbell emphatically denied that there was a deal between the steel companies and

Vice President Nixon. He said that "many of the Democrats claim it was a case of the steel companies saying 'okay, we'll take this horrible package and won't raise prices until Dec. 1—after the election—just to make you look good.'" But Campbell added "I just can't believe that the presidents of the 11 largest steel companies would enter into a quasi-price-fixing agreement. In fact, if they did, they would be violating the law of the country."

Asked about the outcome of the 2B local practice controversy, Campbell said he didn't think anything would happen. "It's been referred to committee, and if you've ever referred anything to a committee you know what I mean."

Stress Engineering-Purchasing Cooperation

Two important responsibilities of engineering to purchasing have been outlined by H. A. Williams, director of purchases for Eaton Manufacturing Company.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the Society of Automotive Engineering, Mr. Williams noted that the engineering department should provide assistance in:

(1) Obtaining cost reductions by designing parts that lend themselves to such things as alternate materials, suppliers capabilities, and new processes.

(2) Getting fair competition into procurement of all items.

He stated that "any purchasing department's main responsibility is to obtain competition in its procurement activities, which is, of course, the most effective way purchasing can contribute to the control of costs. Obviously, it is difficult for purchasing to obtain competition where engineering's designs restrict us to a single vendor or even a single industry."

Mr. Williams observed that "engineers almost universally, if left to their own devices, will design a part so that it will (A) never wear out, (B) never break, and (C) never need any maintenance. There is nothing intrinsically wrong with this viewpoint—except that all too frequently nobody can afford it."

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COMPRESSORS

Form E-269 describes industrial rotary stationary compressors. Includes specifications for compressors of 20 to 125 h.p. Covers units with air-cooled or water-cooled oil coolers.

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CONTROL SYSTEMS

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COUPLERS

A 20-page catalog on automatic, semi-automatic, and regular quick detachable couplers. Also shows practical applications of couplers, fittings, hoses, and three-way sleeve valves for use with various air-operated tools and fixtures.

Foster Manufacturing Company, Inc.

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DRILL BUSHINGS

A catalog on various sizes and types of drill jig bushings. Includes color-coded tables, prices, and quantity discounts.

American Drill Bushing Co.

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FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS

A 36-page two-color catalog on fire alarm systems. Covers components and accessory equipment, along with typical job specifications.

Standard Electric Time Company

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FORK TRUCKS

Bulletin No. SS-363 describes a 4000-lb. capacity battery powered fork truck. The four-page folder gives complete engineering and dimensional specifications. Explains operating features, hydraulic mechanism, and construction.

Clark Equipment Company

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INSTRUMENT CASES

A two-color catalog on instrument cases. Describes the use of various kinds of protective packaging for instruments needing protection against heat, humidity, salt spray, water, fungus, pressure, shock, and fire.

Zero Mfg. Co.

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INSULATION

Catalog IN-244A covers thermal insulations in applications ranging from —400 degrees F to 3000 degrees F. The 54-page bulletin contains six complete sections, each devoted to a specialized group. Includes application photos, descriptions, available forms, advantages, and specification data for each product.

Johns-Manville Sales Corporation

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MOLYBDENUM

A 12-page brochure describing the applications, physical properties, and production processes of molybdenum. Lists the forms of molybdenum available commercially and explores new uses in the refractory metals field.

General Telephone & Electronics Corporation

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MOTOR CONTROLS

Catalog 5900 covers general motor control products. The 72-page color bulletin has selection charts for magnetic and manual starters, containing horsepower, motor speed, heater size, and enclosure choices. Also has data on drum controllers, pressure switches, and pilot devices.

Furnas Electric Company

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MOTOR REDUCERS

Catalog MR-58 covers vertical motor reducers and in-line reducers. The 28-page bulletin describes construction and mechanical features of reducers in eight housing sizes for applications up to 125 h.p. Load characteristics are outlined and mounting dimensions are listed.

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Catalog Files

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Sterling Electric Motors, Inc.

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RECTIFIERS

Bulletin No. 6101-1A describes flexible silicon power rectifiers. The eight-page two-color catalog covers cost, reliability, efficiency, and maintenance.

I-T-E Circuit Breaker Company

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SPEED REDUCERS

Bulletin No. M-140 covers flanged and motorized worm gear speed reducers. The 28-page catalog has illustrations, charts, and tables for reducers in nine complete series.

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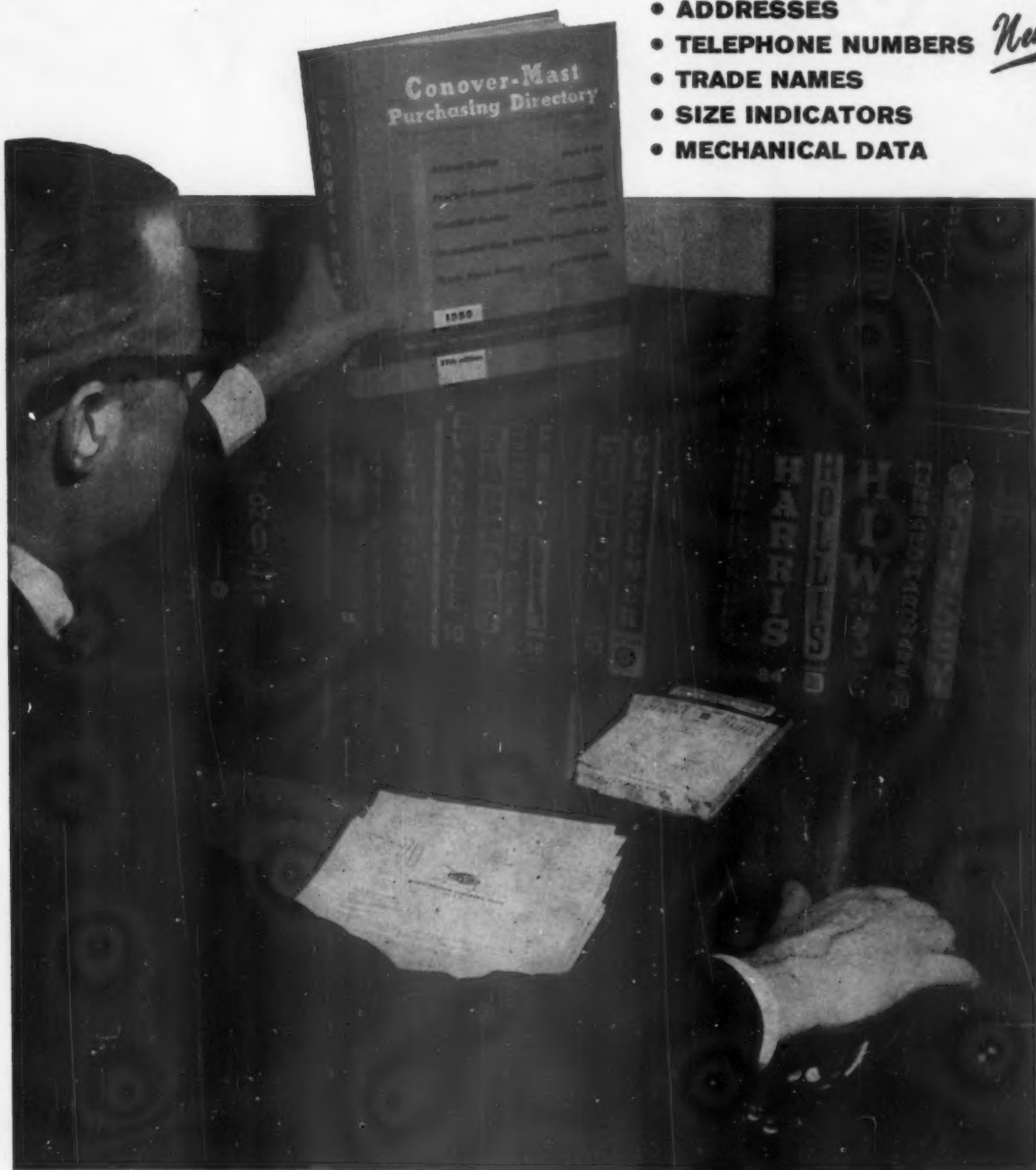
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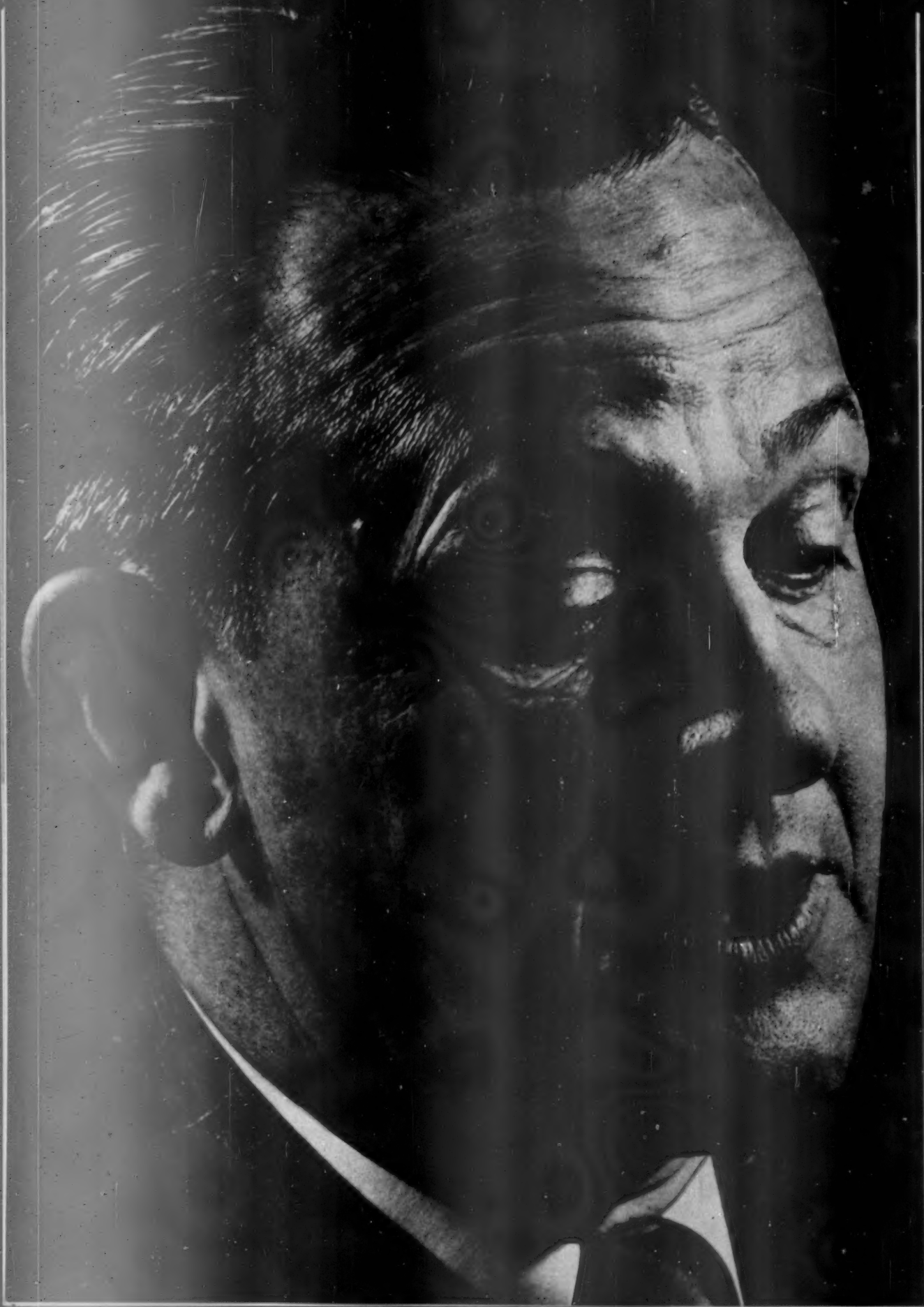
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The promotion of **Robert K. Swander** to staff level status for **Heath Company, Benton Harbor, Mich.**, has been announced. Mr.



Robert K. Swander

Swander has been director of purchasing for the past year, and purchasing agent for the company since 1950. He was formerly with Remington Rand Co. in Benton Harbor.

Value Analysis Inc., Schenectady, N. Y. has named **Wayne Ruggles** to its staff. Value Analysis Inc. is a consulting firm offering services designed to increase profits by eliminating unnecessary costs in the entire business cycle from product design to customer

purchases. Mr. Ruggles comes to the group from the Value Analysis Section of GE's Home Laundry Department in Indianapolis, Ind. He will be located at V.A. Inc., 721 N. Main St., Wheaton, Ill.

Benjamin Katz has been named director of purchasing for **Polarad Electronics Corporation, Long Island City, N. Y.** Mr. Katz has been engaged in various management phases of the electronics industry. For the past 17 years he has been active in the fields of purchasing, industrial relations, and sales and marketing. More recently, he held the position of director of purchasing at the Transmitter Equipment Manufacturing Company and of the Electronics Division of Otis Elevator Company. Mr. Katz is president of the Purchasing Agents of the Radio and Television Industry and a member of the New York Purchasing Agents Association. He has a B.S. degree from the City College of New York.

A. D. Tracy has been appointed purchasing agent for **Pittsburgh Forgings Company, Coraopolis, Pa.** He succeeds **C. F. Yoders** who has retired.

Realignment of **Chance Vought Aircraft's** purchasing organization at **Dallas, Texas** has been announced.

Procurement activity for the Vought Aeronautics Division is under direction of **W. R. Keifer**, materials manager, with **W. H. Haugh** as general purchasing agent. **J. R. Bruno** is purchasing agent for general purchases and **W. H. Andrews** for subcontracting and sub-systems.

B. A. Carlson, materials branch manager, will be in charge of purchasing for the Vought Electronics and Astronautics Divisions. **A. J. Patton** will be purchasing agent for the astronautics group and **Gordon Furnas** for electronics.

Procurement for the Range Systems and Research Divisions also will be under Mr. Carlson's direction. Pending appointment of purchasing agents for these divisions, Mr. Patton will handle their affairs.

Peter Gianaris has been appointed manager-materials for the **Everett Foundries of General Electric Company's Foundry Department, Everett, Mass.** Mr. Gianaris began work with the New England Telephone Co. in the advertising component, and later did free lance advertising in the Greater Boston area. In March 1951 he joined GE on the wage rate & planning program with assignments in apprentice training, press, tool and die, forge shop and the foundry before accepting an assignment as specialist-time standards data. Later he was given the position of specialist-advanced planning & methods. He is a graduate of Boston University.

Herbert Fleck has been named vice president, production, for both the **Chicago, Ill.** and **Trenton, N. J.** plants of **Cromwell Paper**



Herbert Fleck

Company. Mr. Fleck had been purchasing agent and controller for several years. He will headquarter at the **Chicago Cromwell plant, 4801 South Whipple.**



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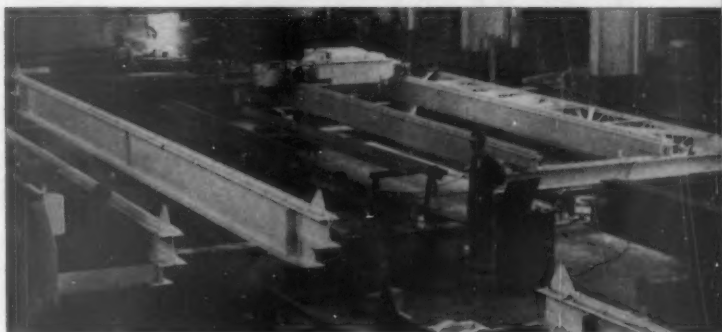
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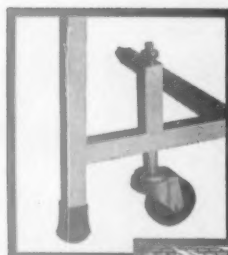
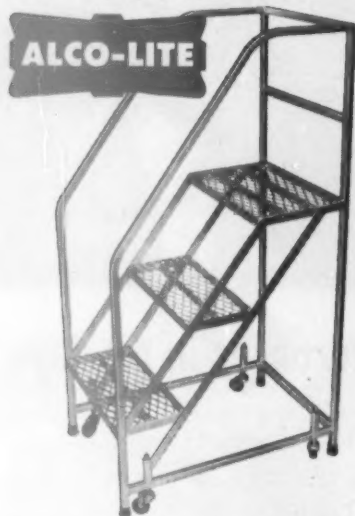


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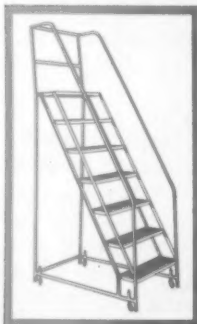


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It was certainly a pleasure to have Ned Kellogg with us at Pinehurst and hope we will have the privilege of his or some other staff member's attendance at several of our meetings in 1960.

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FOB—"filosofy of buying"

YOU TOO CAN be one of those who can say confidently, "So what's so new about value analysis?" Just memorize and repeat this quotation from *The Saturday Evening Post*:

"The basis of scientific buying is to have an exact knowledge of the requirements to be met; to state those requirements so precisely in specifications that they cannot be misunderstood or evaded; and finally to see that the materials or articles of equipment furnished under the contract comply in every particular with the specifications. It is almost as necessary to draw specifications with a view to protection against securing too much in the way of quality as too little—for surplus quality almost invariably means surplus expense. To overshoot in quality and get a better article than is really needed is not economy, but waste."

The *Post* carried that little item on value buying in October, 1915.

IF NO ONE else cares to speak, I'd like to say a few words about California! That old gag is becoming a reality as the public re-

lations group of the Purchasing Agents Association of Los Angeles goes about its business. Led by indefatigable Bill Broker, it is putting on a strenuous campaign to make the May 22-25, 1960 N.A.P.A. convention in Los Angeles the best attended of all time. If the success of the affair is in direct proportion to the amount of effort and ingenuity the California boys have put forth up to now, the convention should be a whopper. Their latest gimmick is to send all editors a special Midwinter edition of the *Los Angeles Times* featuring stories of the growth of Southern California, guides to interesting places, and highlights of the area's convention facilities.

MATERIALS handling-minded purchasing agents: Clark Equipment Company is sponsoring an essay contest with a \$2000 first prize. Contestants are expected to discuss one or more unsolved materials handling problems within an industry or government facility, and propose one or more solutions. Anticipated or unsolved existing problems may be discussed. This is certainly an area in which purchasing people are

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involved. Why not try your hand at it? At best, you might win \$2000. At worst, you can analyze a situation in your own plant and clarify it for yourself or for management. Details on the contest can be obtained from any local chapter of the American Materials Handling Society or Industrial Truck Division, Clark Equipment Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

HERE IS A post-Christmas note from a former P.A. (name supplied on request) which we offer without further comment:

"Year after year it is said that those little messengers of happiness that come to a buyer's home around Christmas are not bribes. They are sincere tokens of appreciation for past favors, and who could be so coarse, so ungracious, so lacking in common decency, to return them or refuse them. Would you destroy the spirit of giving?

"After spending eight months of 1959 doing favors for vendors (such as giving them orders) and only four in a position where such kind consideration is no longer possible, I might still expect some 'small token of appreciation.' But somewhere, somehow the spirit got separated from the gracious and the decent. Only two Christmas cards arrived.

"Thank you. No obligation please."

BILL ROEMER, director of purchases for Acushnet Process Company, and his management believe in direct action when it comes to matters affecting the welfare of business. In December a letter went out over Bill's signature, and that of R. B. Young, president, to all Acushnet suppliers asking their support for a tax reform bill being proposed by U.S. Representatives A. S. Herlong, Jr., (D-Fla.) and Howard H. Baker (R-Tenn.) Enclosed was a 14-page booklet explaining the bill and the goals it hopes to achieve . . . the end of unfair taxes, speeding of the national debt retirement, a blow at the roots of inflation.

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In Purchasing . . .

TOO SHORT for a separate article, too good to be passed over. That's our editors' judgment on a great number of ideas and shortcuts they run across in their visits to purchasing departments all over the country. So they've created a whole new section to bring you these helpful hints for better buying. "Purchasing Pointers" appears in every issue, immediately following the editorial page. Be sure to check this page regularly for capsule suggestions on stepping up the efficiency of your department. See p. 49.

Associate Editor John Van de Water is one of those rare birds—a good purchasing man, a good engineer, and a good writer. John, who joined us a few months ago after service with Worthington Corporation as general buyer, displays aspects of all three talents in the article on buying for research on page 50. This is just one example of the type of article you can expect from a keen, experienced observer of the field. There'll be many more of this kind in the months to come—from John and the other members of our editorial staff.

With taxes rising the way they are all of us are worried about possible waste and inefficiency in government buying. If you live in Chicago, however, you can rest assured that your city purchasing department is working hard to make every dollar do a hundred cents' worth of work. Value analysis is the answer—and the City P.A. tells you how his department is using it to save Chicago money. See p. 54.

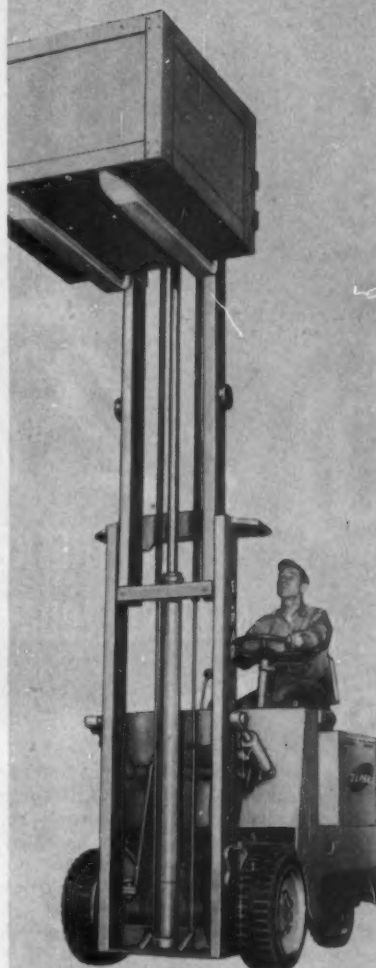
Strange as it may seem to outsiders, the purchasing agent generally has more brand-name and back-door buying troubles with MRO supplies than he does with production items.

The reason is that production buying usually demands more time and attention. Casual or slipshod methods can't be tolerated. Specifications must be closely drawn, standards established, and the highest degree of competition encouraged if management is to get full value. MRO buying becomes a secondary operation and tends to become dominated by the whims and prejudices of plant personnel. But this needn't be the case if your MRO purchasing is properly organized and governed by the same management policies that govern your production buying. In this issue an MRO buying specialist describes the important role purchasing plays in his company's extensive maintenance program. See p. 60.

As usual, you'll find a broad range of purchasing topics covered in this issue: Negotiation (p. 52); Inventory Control (p. 56); and Paperwork (p. 58).

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Can You Say No?

PURCHASING MAGAZINE
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DESPITE ALL THE whistling in the dark that is going on, the fight against inflation has suffered a major setback. The steel settlement, it is true, has ended a dangerous impasse and opened the way for a new boom in 1960. For this we can all be thankful.

But there are some cold facts for all to remember, particularly purchasing agents. The new wage agreement is going to cost the steel industry money—a billion dollars according to U.S. Steel's Chairman Roger Blough. There is only one way for the industry to get that money: raise the price of steel. How much and when steel prices will go up is hard to say. The best guesses on the amount range around \$3.50 to \$4.00 a ton. The guesses on the timing are a little less precise. They run from April to December. In any event a steel price rise is practically inevitable.

The purchasing agent who spends time wondering if suppliers will absorb any or all of the steel increase when it comes is daydreaming. No one absorbs higher costs if he can pass them on. So it would be the better part of wisdom to prepare now for price pressure all along the line—not only from suppliers who use steel in their products, but from almost all suppliers. Many will be adversely affected—directly or indirectly—by higher steel prices. Many of those who are not affected will simply be carried away with the excitement of the boom and will try to get in on a good thing while they can.

Each request for an increase will have to be negotiated on its own merits, of course. If a supplier simply is unable to absorb higher raw material costs, you can't force him to sell at a loss. On the other hand, it is your right—and obligation to your company—to demand a reasonable breakdown of his costs as justification for a price increase. Casual costing is the rule rather than the exception in business and all costs—other components, overhead, administrative costs—are often jacked up along with raw material costs in the final price. A vigorous and consistent value and cost analysis program is desirable in purchasing at any time. It's absolutely essential now.

The experts are talking optimistically about a possible 2% increase in the general price level during 1960—nothing so inflationary that it will “burn the house down” according to the *New York Times*. Purchasing must take action against even the sparks of inflation. It cannot passively accept any price increases, no matter how small the percentage, or it will be in default—to itself, its company, and the business community. To put it more bluntly, now is the time, as a prominent purchasing executive once put it, to “get up off our knees and learn to say NO!”

Paul V. Farrell



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DON'T KEEP SALESMEN WAITING—It's good manners and good business to see callers promptly. A growing practice in many purchasing departments is to have the receptionist call the buyer at specified intervals (usually not more than 10 minutes) to remind him that a salesman is waiting. At the Westinghouse plant in Columbus, O., callers are given cards stamped with their arrival times. The card is turned in when the salesman goes in for an interview and is time-stamped again. The P. A. reviews these cards at the end of the day, and discusses unreasonable delays with the buyer involved. Now, salesmen rarely wait over an hour to see a buyer.

SHIPMENTS IN ADVANCE—Shipments made in advance of purchase order scheduling are becoming as much of a problem as delayed shipments. One purchasing department has cracked down by disallowing invoices on advance shipments. It uses a form notice to let the supplier know his invoice has been held up. The form makes the company's policy clear, avoids involved, time-consuming correspondence.

SELLING SURPLUS EQUIPMENT—If your company is modernizing and you've got the job of disposing of a lot of used equipment, consider holding an auction. Professionals will handle the whole job for you. It's a lot simpler than trying to get rid of the equipment piecemeal, and the return is just as good, if not better.

GET TWO COPIES OF CATALOGS—If requests for catalogs come through your department, it's a good idea to get two copies of every catalog ordered. The second one can be kept in purchasing if you feel it has information of value. This will help to keep you well informed and up-to-date on the operating departments' interests and requirements.

QUESTIONS ON PURCHASE ORDERS—The purchasing agent who signs an order is not always the right person for vendors to contact when questions arise. Often someone on his staff is more familiar with certain phases of the order. To save time and avoid confusion many purchase orders carry this note: "Correspondence on this order should be directed to . . ." followed by a space for insertion of the responsible buyer's name.

STOCK REPLACEMENT REQUISITIONS—How often do you receive requisitions for stock replacement? Do they trickle in continually? Consider having stores prepare them only once every week or two weeks. This may give you a chance to consolidate items and write fewer orders. And there's a better chance to get quantity discounts on larger orders.



Herbert E. Wendt:

"In buying for a research laboratory, supplying information and knowing value are as important as placing orders."

Better Buying For Better Research

Whether standard bolt or rare chemical, material is as important in the laboratory as it is in manufacturing. An alert purchasing department contributes time, information, and value to the research effort.

By John Van de Water, Technical Editor

A CHEMIST asks you to buy a few pounds of a certain chemical. But all he has is a complicated formula; he can't tell you its name or who makes it. In fact, he isn't quite sure if it is available at all! What would you do?

Herbert E. Wendt, purchasing agent for the Air Reduction Company research laboratories in Murray Hill, N.J., takes such problems in stride. After he had the chemist devise a few approximate names from the formula, he contacted a number of manufacturers of related compounds. The chemical was indeed not available but an intermediate product was, and from this the laboratory could make the required material. Purchasing had helped another research project continue on its way.

Although purchasing at Airco labs is by no means a large operation—volume is well under a million dollars annually—it performs many valuable services. Much of its success is the result of Wendt's three-sided approach to the buying job. He wants at all times to:

- Keep material moving;
- Be a source of information;
- Buy on a value basis;

To keep material moving, more than routine buying is needed. "What we are trying to do here is to provide a service," says Wendt, who represents the corpo-

ration's central purchasing department. "I am an engineer myself and try to understand the lab's problems. People here have peculiar problems and it is often necessary to discuss their requirements with them at length."

Buying Patterns Change

Soon after Wendt took over in 1947, Airco's new research building at Murray Hill was opened. Mechanical development work and the manufacture of special equipment were emphasized at first. In a few years, however, other plants took over these activities and research turned to

chemical and metallurgical lines. For purchasing this meant a change from buying mainly mechanical parts and metals to buying more specialized laboratory supplies. It had to learn new products, cultivate new vendors, and develop new buying patterns.

Today the research facility requires a great variety of materials. Important items include chemicals, laboratory equipment and supplies, test apparatus, tanks and piping, and pressure vessels, as well as more common building and maintenance supplies. "In the years I've been here," says Wendt, "I have bought just about



Grace Yannunzio and Stanley Puza make sure requisitions are processed promptly and orders followed up regularly.

everything except livestock. And I expect that someday we'll need that too."

Walking through the laboratory building one realizes the scope of the purchasing job. In the chemical labs weird structures of glassware rise to the ceilings. In other areas assorted pressure vessels stuck full of valves and gauges stand around like robots. Heat treating ovens, furnaces and welding rigs are fired up for metallurgical studies. Special rooms are crowded with electronic and mechanical testing equipment. A fully equipped machine shop builds special parts. An engineering section filled with a mass of piping and controls represents a pre-pilot plant studying the fractionation of atmospheric gases. This is indeed a formidable array of purchased goods.

Many Phone Orders

Over half the 5000 purchase orders placed each year by Wendt and his two buyer-assistants are telephoned to the vendor. "We have to do a lot of shopping to find the things we need and we don't do much repeat buying," he says. "The important thing is to get technical personnel back to work. It costs money to have them stand around waiting."

On many immediate requirements small quantities are the rule. Working on the basis that all supplies are needed within two weeks, purchasing processes such requisitions in one or two days. Special equipment, instrumentation, and fabricated units are, of course, handled more intensively and may take considerably longer to procure.

Gets New Quotations

Often there is a great deal of delay from the moment a requirement is studied until it is approved for purchase. Quotations obtained early in the study may be obsolete when the purchase order is finally written. Often specifications themselves have been changed so that there is little agreement between quotations and requisitions. Purchasing has to pick up these loose ends, get new quotes if necessary, and make sure Aircor's people and the



Chemists and engineers frequently consult the purchasing department's catalog and bulletin file.

vendor understand one another.

One way to keep close to the technical staff is for purchasing to provide valuable help. This is included in Wendt's concept of purchasing as an information source. He goes a long way beyond merely collecting a few catalogs and technical bulletins. "We try to keep a complete catalog file on every conceivable item in which our people may be interested," says Wendt. The catalogs are carefully selected and, arranged by commodities, are kept in the purchasing department easily accessible to anyone who wishes to refer to them. Engineers and chemists use them continually and depend upon them for product information.

In addition to maintaining these files purchasing sends a lot of technical bulletins and product information it receives to technical people who may be interested. They in turn send to purchasing literature they believe should be circulated to others.

"In this way," says Wendt, "we contribute to the interchange of information, a very important function in any research group."

In spite of the emphasis on product information and in spite of Wendt's wide knowledge of materials, finding sources is not always easy. Research people seem to have a facility for asking for the unusual or the unknown.

Finds Special Vendors

"We know the sources of most items," he continues, "but sometimes an engineer wants a gadget that takes a lot of time to find. He won't know exactly what he wants, only what function must be performed. In such cases the engineer and I study catalogs and directories together." We find manufacturers of related equipment, spend time on the phone with them, and eventually run down a source. When special fabrication is required it may be necessary to find a vendor who

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Negotiation: Key to Purchasing Profits

There is a serious danger in looking on purchasing as merely a clerical or service activity. Yet many managements do. And many purchasing people do little to make them change their opinions. Industrial prosperity depends on a more enlightened view of procurement.

By Louis J. De Rose, Editorial Marketing Consultant

THE MOST SERIOUS problem facing manufacturing industry today is the growing trend toward higher cost and declining net profits. Undoubtedly higher wages, taxes, and expenses of operation and distribution have contributed heavily toward this trend. But, by far, the fastest climbing cost is that of purchased materials, services, and supplies.

A quick and easy explanation of this condition is to blame it on the "inflationary spiral." And there is no denying that such a spiral exists. Certainly, a manufacturer's experience with cost and expense ultimately reflects itself to some degree in the price he charges others. But, if "inflation" were the whole answer, it would follow that a company's sales dollars would increase proportionately, and income and outgo would be more in balance. The real explanation must be sought elsewhere, and the most plausible reason is that too often, companies receive less value in their purchasing than they provide to customers for their products and services.

It is an amazing paradox that purchasing, which can be so vital to company survival, is so little understood and even less a sub-

ject of serious concern. Although it spends the largest portion of every sales dollar, the function is still looked upon by many as little more than a clerical or service activity. They assume purchasing is just a simple routine of processing requisitions and placing orders. They think that by merely soliciting three bids—or some other magic number—purchasing will get "right quality, delivery, and price" from the lowest bidder. The infallible workings of "competition" are supposed to assure that full value is automatically obtained in the "market." Instead of viewing Purchasing as an active force in negotiating and administering procurements to create full value, they assume that value already exists in equal measure from several sources. Accordingly, all purchasing must do is issue purchase orders, and passively wait to receive delivery.

Where Did the Ideas Come From?

It is difficult to say definitely how these notions came into being. Certainly the fact that everyone does some form of purchasing in his personal life makes everyone some sort of an "expert" in this field. Perhaps familiarity

breeds contempt, so that little real analysis is made of purchasing practices on the theory that they are not worth the time and effort. The result, in any event, is the lack of a company-oriented philosophy, and acceptance of popular purchasing concepts. For example, a fundamental of government buying often reflected in industrial purchasing is that equal opportunity must be provided to all suppliers to compete for available business. Stemming from this principle is the additional one that "free, open and competitive bidding" is the desirable method of procurement. Limited and private negotiations must be strictly avoided. The reasoning is that negotiations entail personal discussions, bargaining, proposals and counter-proposals, and are thus subject to undue influence; that at best, it is open to future claims of favoritism. Another principle is that the buyer's interests can be satisfied equally by a number of suppliers, so that the low price is the best price.

But is this true, and are these necessarily sound concepts for industrial purchasing? Are private company funds the same as public funds? Must everyone be given equal opportunity to supply pro-

curement needs? Or is that a privilege extended only to those who clearly demonstrate willingness and ability to meet certain standards of quality, service, and price. Is fear of possible criticism a valid reason to avoid private discussions and bargaining with suppliers? Or must we employ every necessary means to assure procurement value? Is the low price always the best price, and are we not obliged to reject it, if we know that it is not? Lastly, if all industry is in a general inflationary spiral, won't the company bring on itself the effects of that spiral by soliciting only "competitive" bids? Would it not be preferable to screen and select sources and negotiate mutually advantageous agreements? Certainly, the primary objective of industrial Purchasing must be optimum economic benefit. When this is subordinated to ill-defined political, social, or moral considerations—many of them totally irrelevant to business considerations—purchasing value, of necessity, must suffer.

Is Bidding Undesirable?

This is not to suggest that competitive bidding is undesirable, and that negotiation is the only method of purchasing to employ. Both methods are necessary and each has its place in the over-all purchasing concept. For example, competitive bidding is most effective when:

the item of purchase is produced to commercially available standards, and the standards are adequate for company application; purchase specifications are clear and complete, with little room for misinterpretation; there are sufficient qualified and competent suppliers willing and able to compete and each is capable of rendering identical procurement value; the market is active and prices responsive to supply and demand forces.

However, these factors are lacking for much of what industry buys. Industry purchases components and accessories, built to special design, performance, and reliability. It buys parts and assemblies to drawing. It buys equipment, apparatus, and con-

struction for unique applications and production processes. Indeed, the largest percentage of industry purchases are truly of a "special" nature. Yet, little real distinction is made in buying method between this type of requirement and the catalog or shelf-type variety. Even when standard, commercial items are bought in large and continuing quantities, companies, through their buying practices, deny themselves their total purchasing power. Often, they buy these materials as single, one-time purchases.

The key to effective control of purchasing costs is a strong, sophisticated, and profit-conscious purchasing function. Purchasing must act in more than a clerical or service capacity. Specifically:

- ¶ Purchasing must constantly review its sources, eliminating the dead-wood, and concentrating its efforts with dynamic, imaginative, and efficient suppliers. Procurement value is not achieved through quantity of suppliers, but only through quality of source.
- ¶ Purchasing must analyze and weigh availability and vendor capability for each requirement. It must not assume that all sources are equally capable at all times to interpret

and meet needs.

- ¶ Purchasing must take positive action to influence the price of goods and services it buys. It should encourage broad competitive bidding when the product and market permit it. It should negotiate when the product or procurement is unique.
- ¶ Purchasing must insist upon full value, and no longer tolerate shoddy workmanship, slow delivery, and half-hearted service.
- ¶ Purchasing must truly administer and follow up vendor performance, so as to anticipate problems before they occur, and eliminate bottlenecks.
- ¶ Always, purchasing must recognize that purchase dollars are working capital dollars, and that these must be managed for optimum return. When value considerations are sacrificed for non-economic aims, purchasing ceases to "pay its way."

These then are minimum objectives for industrial purchasing. Their achievement is vital to the continued growth and prosperity of industry. The "profit leak" is serious, and its source leads back in part to the purchasing function.

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How a City Saves With

The better municipal purchasing departments have been quick to adopt the value buying methods of their industrial counterparts. The leader of a successful program in Chicago offers some sound advice on V.A. for cities.

By John Ward

A typical value analysis project was the development of city standard specifications to replace various vendor designs of these fittings. Savings ran well over 20% on a number of sizes and competition among manufacturers was substantially increased.

SINCE VALUE analysis in governmental purchasing is an integrated effort, some of the elements involved are often confused. Value analysis is not cost analysis. It is not price analysis. It does not always end in standardization. Yet cost analysis, price analysis and standardization can be involved.

It is often said that value analysis is the other side of the price analysis coin. Some definitions state that value analysis means simply a study of values. I like this definition of value analysis: "A study to determine the lowest cost for a needed function" Heinritz even goes so far as to set some of these factors into a formula: "value analysis equals quality divided by price."

The Value Analysis Approach

With this definition in mind, what factors do we have to consider in analyzing an item? Immediately questions arise: What is it?; What does it do?; What is its price?; Its cost?; How is it used?; When is it used?; Who uses it?; What type material will fill the need?; Can it be cast or forged?; What type molding should be used? The problem may

involve a myriad of physical, chemical, thermal, electrical and application factors. Just as important, each value analysis problem is a special one with a background of your particular conditions, personnel, climate, geography, sources of supply, standards, and ability to regulate quality control. Many solutions in value analysis in Chicago may be usable in Philadelphia, or Miami. Many others may not. Careful value analysis studies which sometimes evolve into standards for one user, often are adopted by others on the theory that what is good enough for one city is good enough for another. But the results are often disastrous. The basic elements of true value analysis which were employed in the development of the standard for that particular city were not fully understood, or functional conditions were not comparable.

It is obvious that you should first invade the fertile areas. Commodities or equipment purchased on closed or narrow specifications should be set aside for another day. You may also want to pass up small-quantity or one-source items. Start in areas where cursory examinations show some promise of results. You can come back to the other areas as you become more proficient in your work and after you have a full-fledged program under way.

Let's start with the simple definition—to determine the lowest cost for a needed function—and a given need expressed as a function. For example, we want to provide a means of transmitting a given volume of water under

a given pressure. In other words, we need some water pipe of a given diameter that will withstand certain hydrostatic pressures, and which will have certain physical properties to withstand external stresses when buried in the ground. We need also a means of connecting the pipe in its own line and perhaps with other types of pipe, all in accordance with conditions as they exist in Chicago. Note that the function is one that is described by you, your engineers, your operating people and is peculiar to your conditions. This is the familiar functional type specification.

After we describe our need we are ready to entertain offers from any producer who can satisfy this need, theoretically with any material. Practically we know that pipe in diameters exceeding 24" will immediately trigger interest and competition among those who make cast iron pipe by the pit cast method and those who make it by the centrifugally cast method. Since we have said nothing concerning the material from which it should be made or how it shall be made, the prestressed concrete people will automatically enter the competition. It is assumed that the lines of the prestressed pipe and cast iron pipe are the same. This is a classical illustration of the statement of a function and, where bids are taken, a direct measurement of the cost of performing this function, all tailor-made to your specific needs.

Industry does this sort of thing every day. Suppose they have a part to be manufactured. They

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Value Analysis

call in their suppliers and show them a part that has to perform a certain function. While it is true they often negotiate and cut corners, which we are not in a position to do, they do apply the same theory we are talking about. They present the problem, and vendors strive to solve the problem for them. We can learn how to adapt their ideas to government buying.

Why not ask the same questions they ask—Should it be cast?; Can it be forged?; Can we spin it?; Should we employ stampings?; Use powder metallurgy?; Brass or nylon?; How about those tolerances—are they consistent?; Rivet it or glue it with an epoxy?; Cadmium plating or parkerizing—bonderizing—type finish?; Do we need five horse power?; Is the corrosion resistance property compatible with other components?; Do we have to have eight cylinders?; Four speeds?; Is its life expectancy in keeping with the project?; When you replace it what does it cost?; How about the personnel who will use it?; Does it require more manpower to produce the needed result?

The possible solutions to problems are endless. With technological information developing by the hour, with processes being displaced almost overnight by new ones, the field for ideas is so broad as to be almost infinite. You will never run out of ideas for value analysis.

I mentioned corrosion resistance. For many years we were purchasing refuse disposal bodies with a corrosion resistant steel body made of SAE 950. On the surface this appeared to be a prudent and wise thing to do. But when this unit was studied during a value analysis session, we found that the operating division of the department of streets and sanitation was retiring the equipment after about five years' service. The corrosion resistant body was still in good shape and ready for many more years of use. But they junked the unit. Specifications



Value analysis is also applied to purchases for the city's many machine shops, like this water meter maintenance shop. This means buyers must understand the nature and capacities of a wide number of machines and equipment.

now call for readily available standard steels that last five years. We have eliminated features which have no useful purpose for us. Naturally this has reduced the cost of the function. This is true value analysis.

Figure Cost of Function

But value analysis doesn't always mean the elimination of plus values. We use leather hydrant valves. If we use ordinary leathers we can get a substantial price advantage, but only to a point. Value analysis in this case indicates that since the cost of digging up a hydrant may exceed by a hundred times the cost of the faulty valve, it is wise to specify the best leather (even to specifying from what part of the animal it shall be taken) to insure the longest life possible. We evaluate the cost—not of the valve—but of the function. This again is real value analysis.

Standardization often is a result of value analysis. However, the fact that standards are now employed or are involved in your study does not exempt them from careful scrutiny. Standards too, must pass the test of value.

Chicago, like other municipalities, uses a tremendous number of

corporation stops, or tapping connections as they are sometimes called, in the water distribution system. Industry has developed standard models which have been placed in large production. It would seem logical that the manufacturer's standard would offer the best price on large runs. However, Chicago has problems and requirements for tapping connections peculiar to its type of installation. Our engineers and using departments have set up a specification known as the "city design", which meets all needs peculiar to Chicago. In a recent series of bids the low bidder quoted the city standard $\frac{3}{4}$ " design at \$1.79, and the manufacturer's standard at \$2.16. On the 1" size, city design was \$1.89, against \$2.44 for the manufacturer's design. There were comparable differences in other sizes. The contractor, of course, welcomes the business either way.

You will find the reverse of this situation where you need more than a minimum design bearing the Underwriters' label, or the function calls for a design that exceeds, for example, the American Water Works Association standard, or even some indus-

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Managing Raw Materials

Is a Purchasing Job

If lack of communications with the plant is a problem when it comes to managing raw materials, it's generally because purchasing isn't in charge of inventories. Here's how one company overcame that problem.

By John Sincere, *Midwestern Editor*



Director of purchases Harold Garrett (l.) and raw materials manager George D. Brown dope out inventory levels for the next 90 days.



Carl Meyers of the inventory control staff keeps complete records on stocks of steel and insulating materials. Each member of the inventory control group is in charge of specific raw materials.

ALTHOUGH the group that manages raw material inventory at Wagner Electric Company in St. Louis has not been changed, it's much more effective than it used to be.

Why? Because the group has been transferred from production control to purchasing.

Since the change was made, the company has benefited tremendously. The reorganization has improved communications between the plant and purchasing, with the payoff coming in the form of faster inventory turnover. Purchasing now gets advance information about schedules and can plan inventories 90 days in advance. This means that stocks are kept in line with manufacturing requirements.

Here's how the new system works: Harold Garrett, director of purchases, now has two sections reporting to him. One is a typical purchasing group, headed by P.A. Harold Kramer. The other is a seven-man inventory control staff under the supervision of George D. Brown, manager of raw materials.

Since the central purchasing department buys everything for all three of the company's divisions—and since Wagner's sales

Now this work is done in half the time.

Now the basic specifications of materials and supplies are put on the master by a typist in the requisitioning department. When a buyer receives the master, he adds the name of the supplier, the quantity and the price.

Order Typing Cut 50% By New System

Core of the system is a Multi-lith master. Copies made from the master serve as the requisition form, purchase order, and receiving report.

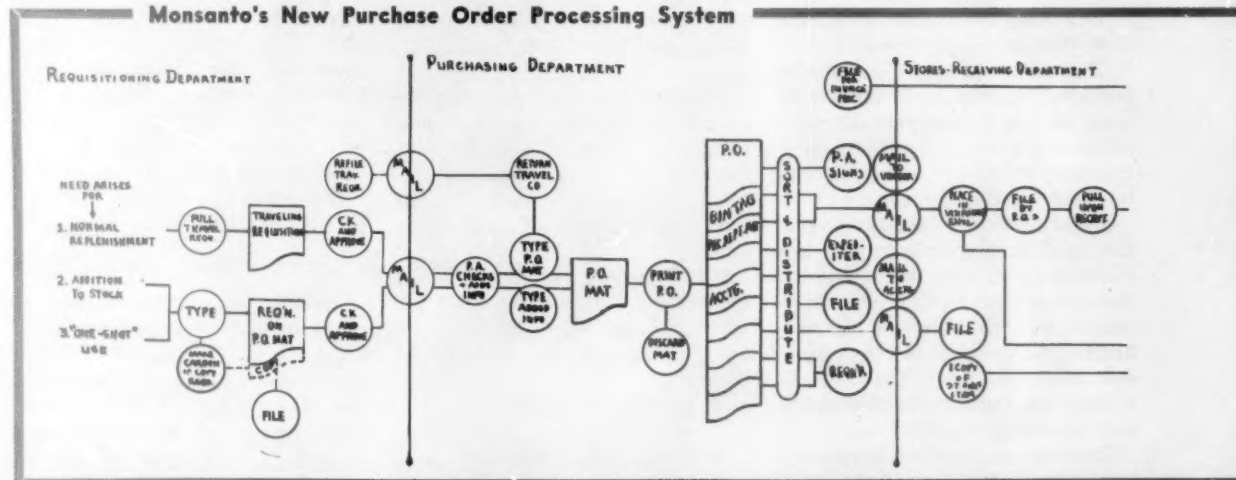
Before the Multilith system was put in effect last year, requisitions were prepared by typists in the various plant departments. The requisitions were sent to purchasing, where a multi-part snap-out purchase order—including a receiving copy—was typed. At the same time, the original requisition was destroyed.

Reproduced Quickly

- (1) Vendor
- (2) Requisitioner
- (3) Accounting
- (4) Purchase Order Alphabetical File
- (5) Storeroom Numerical File
- (6) Expediter

When shipments arrive, the receiving clerk notes the date, quantity, and his name on this copy with a special pencil. Then stores' copy of the master is put on Multilith machine in the stores department. The copies run off in the stores department are sent to purchasing and to accounting.

Monsanto's New Purchase Order Processing System



On partial shipments, another master copy is made on the machine and held until complete order is received. Each time a partial shipment arrives, another master is made. The final master—and its resulting copies—thus contain a complete record of the delivery dates and quantities received for each order.

The duplicate master copies are kept by the stores department in a Visirecord cabinet. As the orders arrive, the copies are pulled and the necessary information inserted.

Main difference in the use of the Multilith for traveling requisitions is that the typing is done in the purchasing department. After a buyer works out the variable information on an order, a girl in the pur-

chasing department transcribes the standard information from the traveling requisition to the master and also adds the new date. From this point on the procedure is the same as previously described.

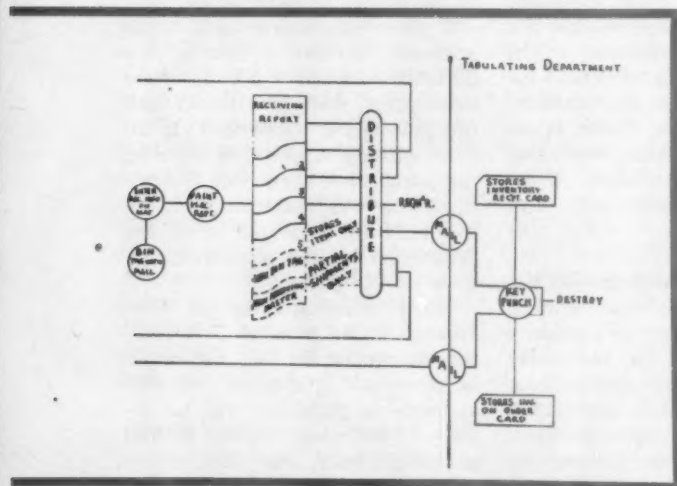
When Monsanto first decided to adopt the Multilith purchase order system, special instructions were given to all requisitioners. It was stressed that the masters should be handled as little and as carefully as possible, since it requires special cleaning to remove fingerprints.

By using the Multilith system, Monsanto purchasing is saving a great deal of time and effort in the entire purchase order procedure. And there is never any chance of a purchasing typist making an error while transferring requisition specifications to the purchase order.

Another big advantage: there is less confusion when orders placed by phone are received before the stores department gets a purchase order copy. Now as soon as the telephone order is placed, a Multilith copy is run off and sent to stores. When the supplier's truck arrives at the plant, stores is ready to process the material quickly and efficiently. ► END



Lynn Kindle, a stenographer in Monsanto's purchasing department, checks with Charles Gentry, data processing department, on use of offset duplicator employed to make purchase order copies.





Who Buys M. R. O. Supplies?

This article is based on talks made at the 11th Plant Maintenance and Engineering Show in Philadelphia on January 26. The first part of the article is adapted from the remarks of Walter F. West, purchasing engineer, Merck Sharp & Dohme Division, Merck & Co. Excerpts from a talk by Philip G. Damm, chief plant engineer of the division, appear on page 62.

Brand-name specifying and back-door selling haven't completely disappeared from industry. Many maintenance supplies buyers, particularly, are still plagued by them.

A purchasing engineer and a plant engineer describe how M.R.O. buying is handled in their company to the satisfaction of both.

MAINTENANCE does not have a place in purchasing any more than purchasing has a place in maintenance. Each department has its job to do and ideally they complement each other. This does not mean that each can sit on its own side of the building and never see the other. Constant communication, cooperation and mutual understanding are necessary. In terms of specific responsibility, where do you draw the line between maintenance and purchasing?

Let's take the problem areas one by one.

First, should maintenance specify the vendor? At Merck Sharp & Dohme, it has always been very clear that purchasing has the complete responsibility for specifying the vendor provided, of course, purchasing is buying the exact article that maintenance wants and not a substitute. This requires a lot of cooperation.

It is not always possible or practical to keep vendors' representatives completely away from maintenance personnel. Because of this occasionally necessary direct contact, purchasing must carefully consider any suggestions for sources that maintenance might have. If there is a good reason for sticking with a source maintenance recommends, there is no reason why purchasing can't follow this recommendation. However, the responsibility is still with purchasing.

Should maintenance specify the manufacturer? The answer here is a qualified yes, if your company has standardized on particular items for particular applications. Maintenance certainly knows the application better than the purchasing agent. The answer on other items which are not stand-

ardized can be yes, but only to a degree.

Purchasing has the responsibility to select the manufacturer when maintenance doesn't specify and to suggest other manufacturers even when one is specified if it appears advantageous. These suggestions must be carried right up the management ladder if purchasing feels that it is not receiving proper consideration. If the right atmosphere has been developed between purchasing and engineering or maintenance, all these suggestions should receive proper consideration, even at the lowest levels.

Should maintenance contact salesmen or manufacturers' representatives directly? It sounds very dictatorial to tell a maintenance man in a supervisory position that he can't pick up the telephone and call a manufacturer for help if he is in trouble. The maintenance supervisor may be looking for technical information only, but it often turns out that this technical information includes a recommendation that certain parts or materials be purchased.

If your purchasing agent is an engineer, it should not be too difficult to convince a maintenance supervisor that he should call the purchasing agent first. If direct contact appears advisable, the purchasing agent can arrange it. Under these circumstances, he is then fully aware of what has gone on when the requisition arrives on his desk.

The purchasing agent can even arrange to be present in the direct discussion. In fact, he should be present if it appears that any appreciable purchase will be involved. In many cases, it will probably work out that direct contact is not necessary. In these

What Purchasing Should Do:

- (1) It must have an efficient expediting set-up so that on call it can advise Maintenance of the status of any order.
- (2) It must know maintenance problems—the terminology and basic technology of what is to be bought, the pressures maintenance is under, the problems of making something else do until the right item is delivered, etc.
- (3) It must not unnecessarily hold requisitions before ordering. If for some reason it is necessary to do so, it should tell maintenance why.
- (4) It should not substitute items from a different manufacturer or of different specifications without conference.
- (5) It should keep in constant communication with maintenance on all problems that involve both. This includes, of course, suggesting new ideas.
- (6) It must constantly search out new sources and have them available so that it can promptly buy any item or service that maintenance should want.

What Maintenance Should Do:

- (1) It should anticipate needs as much as possible to allow for a reasonable amount of time to buy.
- (2) Requisitions must be written completely with all specifications. It is very time-consuming for both maintenance and purchasing if purchasing must call back to fill in missing information.
- (3) It should keep purchasing informed in the same way that purchasing informs it.
- (4) It should be realistic in demands for rushes. Everyone wants to get his item first and since maintenance gets the requests first from the production departments, it must determine which ones are really needed the most. If everything is rushed, the result is that nothing is.
- (5) It must be open-minded about new products and materials and new vendors and new contractors. It is awfully easy to sit back and say, "I like what I've been getting and I don't want anything else." But a company can get old-fashioned very fast with this attitude.

cases, the purchasing agent can save the maintenance supervisor quite a bit of time. Summarizing the answer, as far as I can see, it should never be necessary for maintenance to contact salesmen directly.

Should salesmen contact maintenance directly? Emphatically, no. Talking to salesmen is a tremendously time consuming operation. One of purchasing's responsibilities, as stated before, is to screen the salesmen that come in. If this is done efficiently, the purchasing agent not only knows all the available sources that others in the company are familiar with, but also saves maintenance men or engineers a lot of time in unnecessary conversation with people who cannot help them. The key to the effective working of this situation is an efficient and polite—but firm—receptionist to direct all salesmen initially to purchasing regardless of whom they ask for.

How important is price? The purchasing man who buys on price alone is not doing his job.

On the other hand neither is the purchasing man who ignores the price. Each purchase must be weighed on its own merits.

For example, on a standard item which may be purchased from many different sources, all from stock, prices can be a very important factor, usually the determining factor, the only other consideration being the service. In the case of custom metal fabrications, the wise purchasing agent will solicit bids from fabricators of more or less equal skill and quality of workmanship. This may not always be the highest quality fabricator if you need only a rough job. If this is done, then the job should be awarded to the lowest bidder. The same would apply on small construction contract work or maintenance contract work. If maintenance or purchasing will not agree to give a job to a bidder if he is low then it is not fair to the contractor to ask him to bid. If this is followed, again price can be the determining factor.

This question of price, in general, is often a sore point and I doubt if there is a maintenance

man living who does not think that purchasing places too much emphasis upon it. Once more, close cooperation and constant communication are the solution. It must be understood that no one is trying to put anything over on anyone else. We should repeat here an earlier statement that one of purchasing's jobs is to get the most value for each dollar spent. This can often mean that a higher price will produce better value when factors of service, quality, payment and delivery terms, and general vendor cooperation are taken into account.

What part should purchasing play in having maintenance work performed by contractors? To start with, the purchasing agent should know a sufficient number of contractors for each type work and for each size job. He should not only know their names and addresses, but also their method of doing business, their integrity, the quality of their workmanship, how well they cooperate and how fast they pay their bills. If this is so, there is no reason why purchasing can't serve exactly the

An Engineer Looks at M. R. O. Buying



Philip G. Damm

Highlights of a talk made by Philip G. Damm, chief plant engineer, Merck Sharp & Dohme Division, Merck & Co., at the Plant Maintenance and Engineering Show:

"We have an enviable relationship with purchasing in that we have a purchasing engineer who was formerly a plant engineer. He knows many of our problems and their technical aspects. This makes for better mutual understanding.

"If we want a particular item we will specify it by name or type. We have an agreement with purchasing that they will make no substitutions without notifying us. Both parties must agree before any change is made. We may even suggest a supplier but in no way do we hold the purchasing department to the use of this supplier. This provides a good check and balance system between maintenance and purchasing.

"In general, if a salesman calls, we refer him to purchasing. There are a large number calling each day, and since only a few can be helpful, we try to have purchasing screen them before they visit the maintenance department. Many times purchasing calls to say a visiting salesman might be of some help and asks if we want to see him. This feel for maintenance problems is a must for any purchasing department.

"We have standardized on some items—particularly pipe-fitting and plumbing supplies. We have not standardized to any great extent on equipment, such as pumps, motors, etc. We limit our selection to three or four manufacturers and therefore feel we can take advantage of improvements, new developments, delivery, price, etc."

same purpose in maintenance contract work as in buying materials and equipment.

At Merck Sharp & Dohme, maintenance will request purchasing, usually verbally, to have contractors come in to look at a specific job. The number of contractors called depends upon the size of the job and the urgency of it. The contractors called in by

purchasing then go over the job with the maintenance supervisor and submit bids in triplicate to the purchasing agent. Upon receipt of the bids, they are reviewed with maintenance and a requisition written by maintenance for the work to be performed by the contractor selected, usually the low bidder. If there is some urgency or if the job is a

hodge-podge of little items difficult to estimate, it may be advisable to perform the work on a time and material or cost plus basis.

We have a policy that all work must be let out on a competitive bid basis unless there is a very good reason for another type of contract. It is one of purchasing's functions to enforce this. If it seems advisable to do the job on a time and material or cost plus basis, it is purchasing's function to sit down with the contractor and negotiate the terms, including labor rates, rental figures, percentages for insurance and taxes, percentages for overhead and profit. For proper control, this is all very necessary and I think you will agree should not take up the time of the maintenance man. The handling of contract work in this manner by purchasing requires closer communication with maintenance than any other phase of buying. Both the purchasing man and the maintenance man should know everything there is to know about the contractor.

The final problem and probably the biggest one is "The Rush Job." They can be discouraging, they can be frustrating, they can cost money and sleepless nights and they are certainly the foe of both purchasing and maintenance men alike.

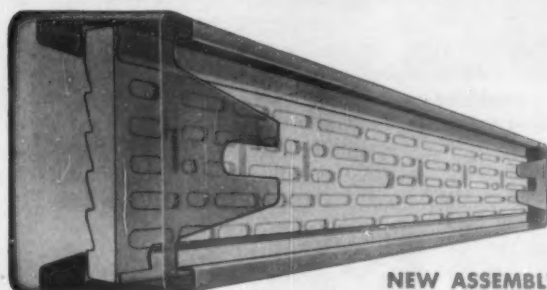
I think if there was no such thing as a rush job, the problems between maintenance and purchasing would certainly be cut in half. One big complaint of maintenance is that on such jobs, going through purchasing takes too much time. If this is so in your company, then purchasing should do something about it.

At Merck Sharp & Dohme, we have made a great effort to convince maintenance, and I hope successfully, that we not only do not cause them any delay, we can actually save them time. In order to convince anyone, however, we have had to set up to handle the rush jobs. This, in a nutshell, means having someone always on hand to drop everything and handle them and to let maintenance know who this person is even in the absence of the buyer. ► END

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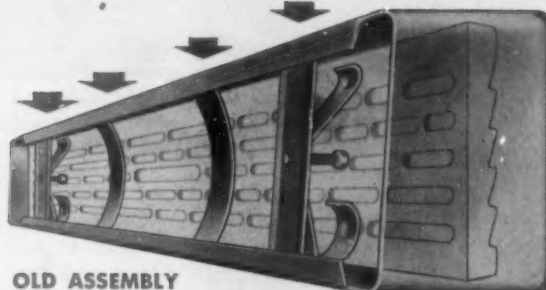


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Fuel Cells Point Way to More Efficient Power Generation

Power sources are being developed today which could make the electric generator and the gasoline engine seem old-fashioned. One of these is the fuel cell.

The Allis Chalmers Manufacturing Company recently took the fuel cell out of the laboratory, put over 1000 together in a tractor, and (through a 20 hp motor) produced enough power to pull a plow. This is particularly impressive because the fuel cell is a device that converts chemical to electrical energy:

- (1) without moving parts
- (2) without significant heat

Because it generates no heat, the fuel cell escapes the high heat energy losses common to other power sources. How do these compare?

Atomic power is, in its present state, primarily a new source of fuel. It is an unusually compact and long-lived fuel, but one which still depends upon the heat cycle

for its conversion to mechanical power. The reactor, as a substitute for the steam boiler, produces energy in the form of heat which is used to make steam.

Problem Still Exists

Gas turbines and rotating combustion engines attempt to improve the low efficiency of the gasoline engine which, in making mechanical power, produces much useless heat, as the elaborate automobile cooling system testifies. They are refinements which at best replace the cumbersome reciprocating principle with rotary motion; they do not, however, overcome the heat problem.

The battery is perhaps the most direct way yet devised to convert chemical energy to electrical energy. But as this energy is stored in electrodes and electrolyte within the cell, capacity is limited. Although the chemical process can be reversed to some extent

by recharging, it eventually comes to a halt and the battery—or its component material—has to be replaced.

As a device which provides direct current power, the fuel cell resembles the battery in that it consists of electrodes in an electrolyte. But it cannot store energy. A fuel, such as hydrogen or propane, is supplied from an external source and converted from chemical to electrical energy.

In theory, the fuel cell can supply power as long as the fuel supply lasts. In practice, it does eventually wear out from stray chemical reactions.

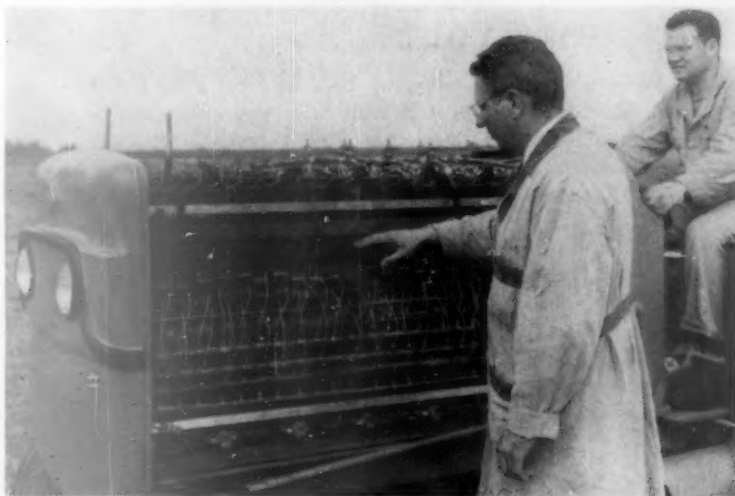
In the cell, the mixture of fuel gases is fed to the anode where it is adsorbed by a catalyst coating which aids the reaction. As the gas reacts with the electrolyte, a stream of electrons, (actually direct current) is released to the external circuit. In the meantime, electrons returning from the external circuit react with oxygen at the cathode and re-form the ions used up at the anode. The overall reaction consumes fuel gases to yield water vapor and carbon dioxide to produce the flow of electrons.

In Four Banks

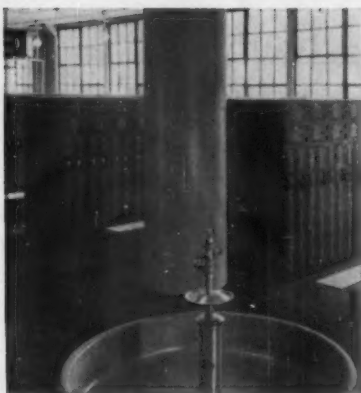
In the Allis Chalmers tractor, 1008 cells are connected in 112 units of nine cells each. They are arranged in four banks. The current flows through a busbar to a standard d-c controller.

The controller has two levers. One, the speed control, varies the amount of current going to the motor by placing the cell banks in series or parallel. The other reverses the tractor by changing the polarity of the current flow to the motor.

Engineers see in the fuel cell a valuable energy conversion method without a theoretical limit of efficiency. The possibility of direct fuel conversion at an efficiency of 90% compares impressively with the best diesel engine which is about 40% efficient. Immediate application of the fuel cell is seen particularly for low-voltage constant loads such as electric-plating water purification, galvanizing, electrolytic cleaning, and electrolytic metal refining.



Electricity produced by fuel cells powers this experimental tractor. Chemical reactions between fuel gases, mostly propane, and oxygen with an electrolyte in the cells produce 15 kilowatts of electricity. Direct current goes through busbars to controller which regulates speed and direction by controlling the amount of current reaching a 20-hp motor.



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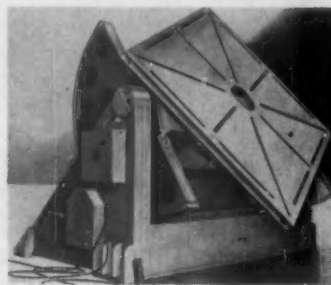
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175 Ton Capacity Welding Positioner



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New, Spark-Proof Rigid Rubber Hose



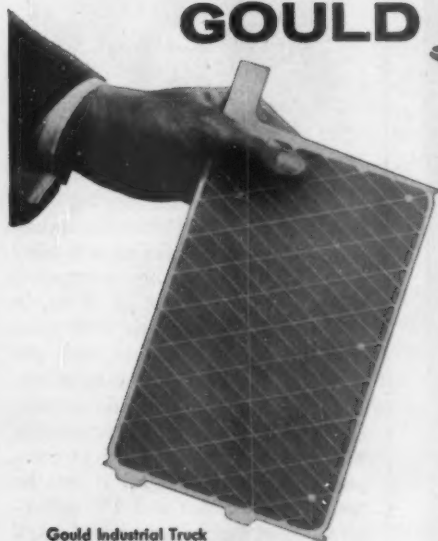
Rubber hose reinforced with rigid vinyl is intended for use in industrial applications where dust and gases create explosion hazards. Designed to replace wire-reinforced hose which might cause sparking when rubber wears through, new hose consists of rubber core wrapped with a continuous coil of 3/16 in. round, rigid vinyl rod for added strength and rigidity. Both core and coil are then wrapped with exterior layer of abrasion resistant rubber. Lawrence Hose Co., Trenton, N.J.

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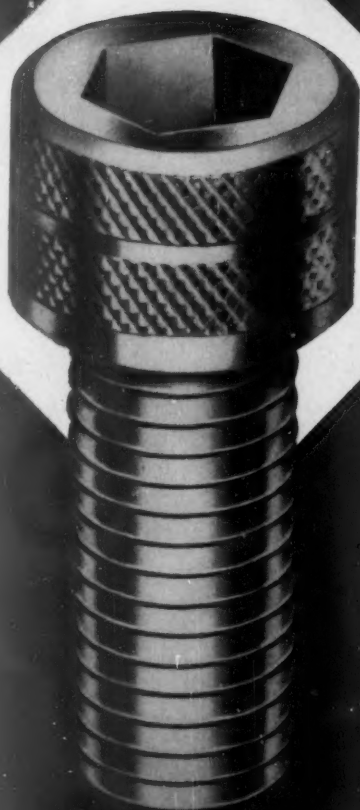
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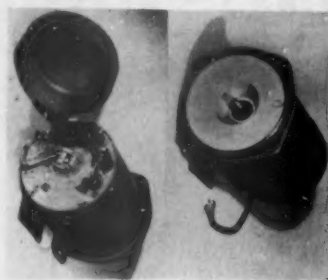
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Vibrating Test Unit for Quality Control



A new vibration testing machine is now available for industrial production lines as a quality control unit. Machine operates at a fixed displacement of 1/8 in, in speed range of 420 to 1200 rpm. Vibrations delivered to test object will dislodge solder splatters, separate poor electrical connections and detect improperly tightened fasteners. Unit is compact and portable, and it can be used to test radio and TV assemblies, electronic equipment, small appliances, instruments, clocks, etc. **L.A.B. Corp., P.O. Box 278, Skaneateles, N.Y.**

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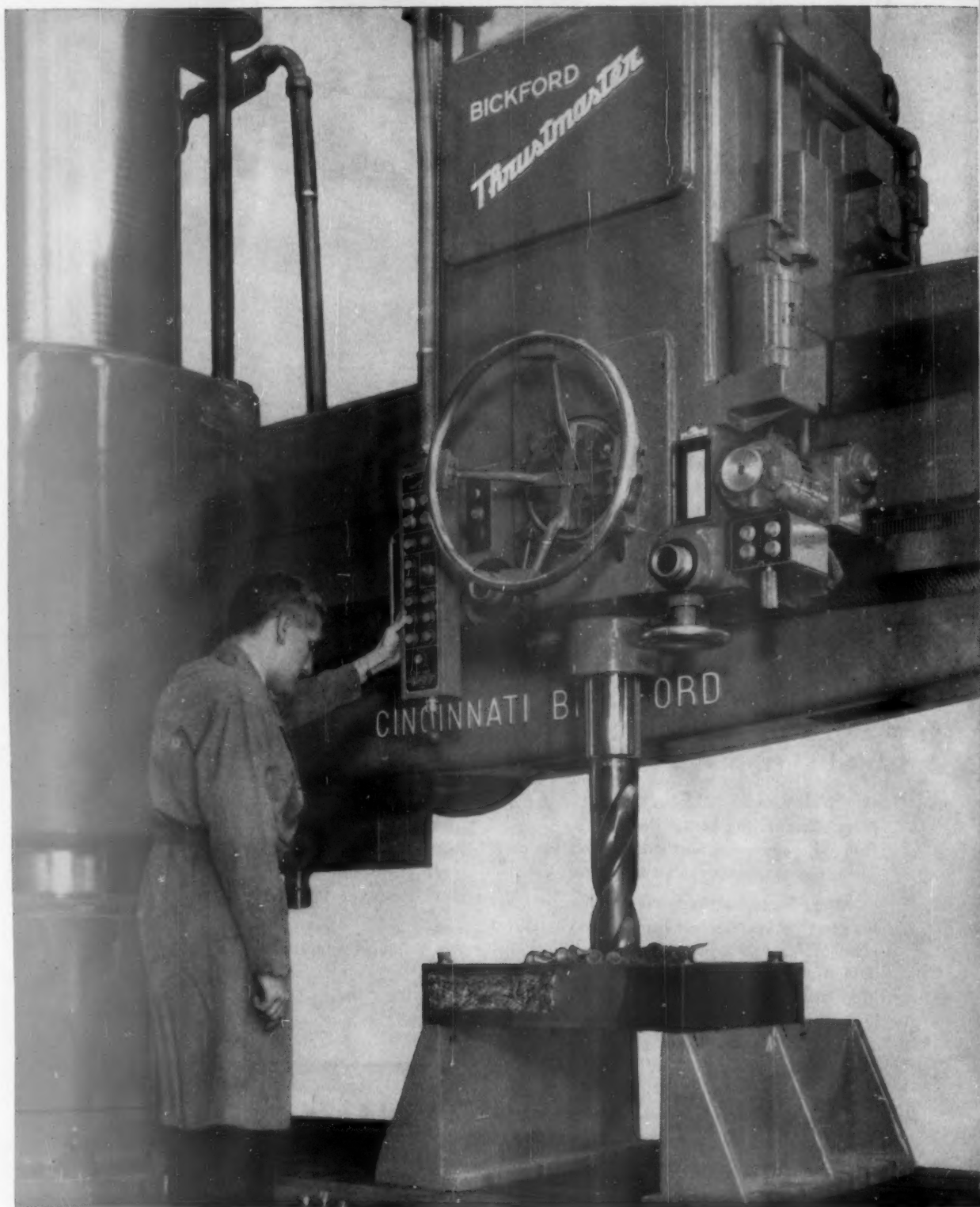
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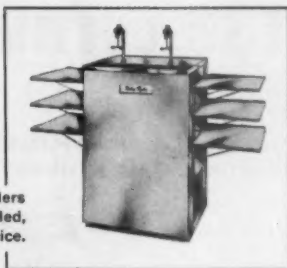
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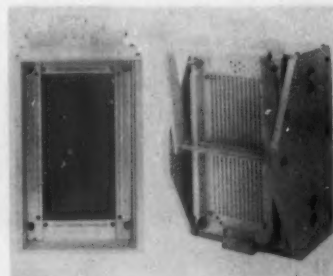
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New Static Punched Card Sensor



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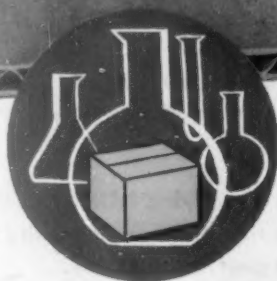
When should your corrugated

Selecting the most appropriate type of linerboard for your shipping container is not unlike selecting the cloth for a suit . . . or coat. Until a few years ago the choice of materials was fairly limited. Today, there is an almost endless variety of natural and synthetic fibres or combinations. And the same thing applies to the tailoring of corrugated shipping containers. For as with natural wool and cotton it is now possible to alter the basic characteristics of kraft linerboard and endow it with properties to meet practically any shipping requirement.

Each specially treated corrugated box — whether made from coated, laminated or impregnated board — has its own unique features and advantages. Which type to use and when to use it will depend upon the characteristics of your product, the nature and degree of protection needed and the way in which it is distributed.

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Suppose, for example, you're shipping an



box get special treatment?

item that requires positive protection against moisture attack. Asphalt laminations and certain plastic coatings may offer an excellent solution. Other coatings and laminations, such as glassine, make an effective barrier to the migration of grease and oil. Still others resist chemical attack or provide insulation against temperature extremes. There are even special coatings that inhibit the transmission of gases — a property often capitalized upon where aromatic scents and flavors must be retained.

In addition, there are special wax or plastic coatings that may be applied to the interior of boxes to protect items such as highly polished furniture, or delicate textiles from abrasion and picking. In some cases these coatings may also be used as release agents to facilitate emptying the box of its contents.

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which connect users' leads to sensor switches; switch isolation; rugged construction and modern-styled case. For programs which involve simple switching, card programming offers definite space and economy advantages. Sensors have applications in chemical, gas, and oil processing, steel mill and machine tool control, automatic warehousing, etc. **Taurus Corp. 8 Coryell St., Lambertville, N.J.**

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Micro Hardness Tester for Production Control



A new micro hardness tester which is basically a production control instrument features the same accuracy as standard research instruments used in metallurgical laboratories. Tester has vertical capacity of 8 in. and applies dead weight loads from 1 to 1000 grams. Additional weights for applying loads up to 10,000 grams can be obtained as optional equipment. Unit is specially designed to test unmounted parts so they can be returned to production or stock bin, but it can also be used for mounted specimens, small parts, sheet metal, wire, etc. **Torsion Balance Co., Clifton, N.J.**

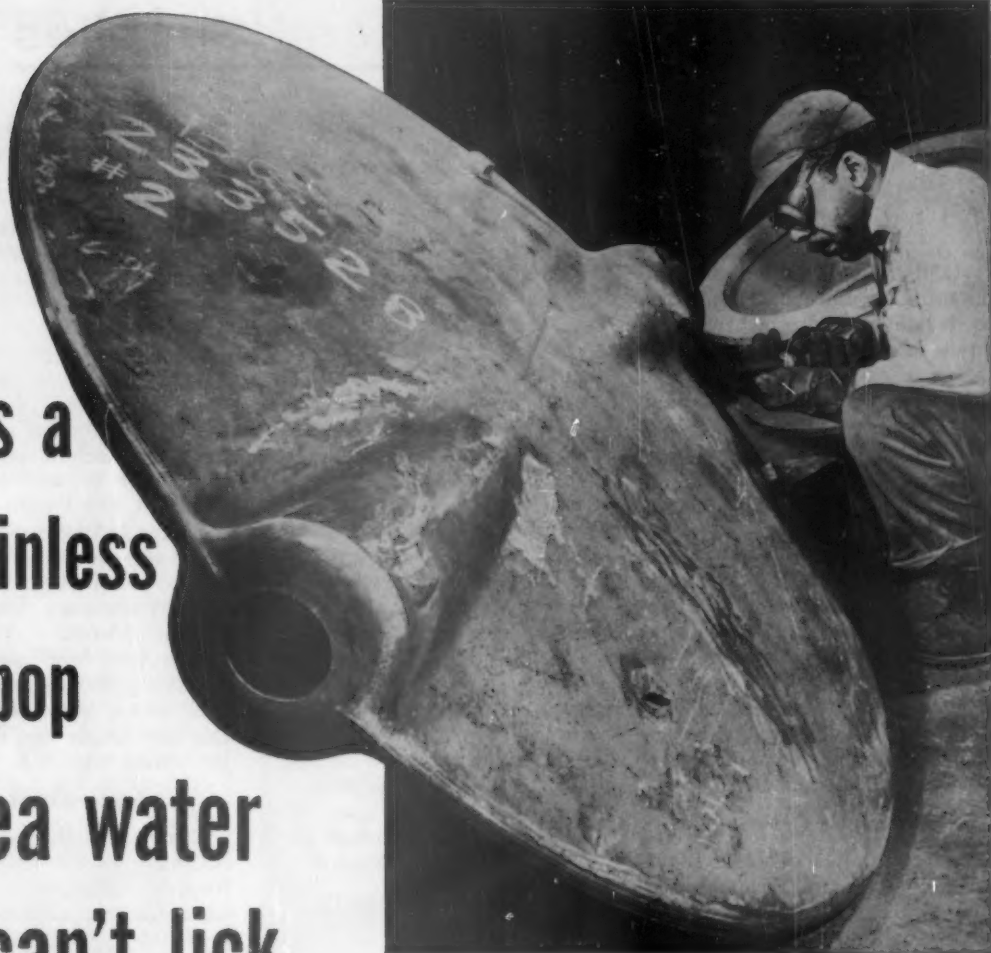
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What's Needed In Today's Office?

COMPANIES without air conditioning, sound control, fluorescent lighting and other accoutrements of a modern office may find it increasingly difficult to get and hold competent office personnel. Offices around the country have been spruced up.

Conditions reminiscent of the "sweat shop" era are still to be found in a few places. But they are being eliminated as that type company goes out of business or learns the error of its ways.

The first major changes that occurred in improving the appearance of the office were in lighting and ventilation. These were followed by a more extensive use of color and by more attractive office furnishings.

Today's Office

What is the office like today? A recent National Office Management Association poll of its members revealed some significant trends relating to office environment.

Purchasing agents will not be surprised to learn that 83% of the almost 2000 companies responding to the survey use fluorescent lighting. However, most report that lamps are not serviced until burn-out occurs.

Use of air conditioning is, of course, directly related to climatic conditions. In certain regions it is no longer a luxury; it may be a necessity. Central air conditioning units are the most widely used type, with window units and packaged consoles making up about 25% of the overall total.

There are more companies using pastel colors on walls and composition flooring (such as asphalt and vinyl) than are using sound control. However, 75% of the respondents to this survey indicated some attempts were being made to reduce the growing volume of noise.

The multiplicity of mechanical office equipment and steel heels on ladies' shoes has increased the noise level in the office to a point

where it is deafening. Some of the methods being used to combat this crescendo are: acoustical ceilings (almost all are using this method), sound absorbing pads under machines, rugs, drapes, sound absorbing partitions, noiseless-type machines, and acoustically treated machine enclosures.

Replies to the question on sound-conditioning seem to indicate a need for improvement in the old methods or establishment of newer techniques. Only 10% said their present method was excellent, but a total of 99% feel they are getting some value. And this value takes the form of improved employee morale, increased accuracy, and increased volume of work.

One per cent said that the sound-conditioning method being used was a waste of money. But this may simply be a case of using the wrong type.

Advantages of Color

Color in the office? The N.O.M.A. survey found the most frequently mentioned benefit was, "more pleasant surroundings," followed by "reduction of eyestrain."

The trend toward the use of dull or medium dull gloss finishes on desks reflects the added attention being given to employee's eyesight. Glass tops are used by only 7%.

Many employers are using music to reduce fatigue and monotony in certain types of office work. Two major points regarding the music worth noting are that it should be instrumental, and that the volume must be set exactly right.

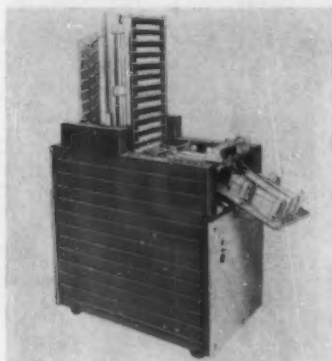
An allowance of 60 to 80 sq. ft. per person for the general office area is rapidly growing in popularity, the survey shows. Sixty-two per cent of the respondents reported that their companies are using this standard, set up and recommended by N.O.M.A.

The full report is available from headquarters of the National Office Management Association, 1931 Old York Road, Willow Grove, Pa., at \$2.00 per copy.

LEADING TRENDS

Use Paint on Walls	94%
Use Composition Flooring	90%
Use Fluorescent Lighting	83%
Use Pastel Colors on Walls	77%
Service Lamps When Burn-Outs Occur	75%
Have Sound Control	75%
Have Air Conditioning	72%
Use Noma's Standard 60-80 sq. ft. (Space Allocation)	62%
Use Wood Furniture In Private Offices	55%
Use Metal Furniture In General Offices	45%

Office Equipment



Fully automatic office collator which gathers duplicated sheets into sets at a rate of 6000 per hour has recently been announced by **Thomas Collators, Inc.**, New York, New York. Since no adjustment is necessary for weight or finish of stock, all 12 stations can be loaded in less than one minute. If a sheet misses or doubles the machine stops instantly. Each station holds approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ ream. Write No. 25 on Inquiry Card—Page 25



New device developed for use by organizations whose day-to-day operations require volume transmittal of messages over teletype circuits. Located in the teletype center, the machine permits an executive to pick up the phone on his desk and dictate his message for recording by the machine and subsequent transmittal by the teletypist. Manufactured by **Dictaphone Corporation**, the new machine consists of two recording-reproducing units as the recording media, and is so arranged that the teletypist can transcribe on the teletypewriter the messages recorded by one of the units while the other continues to record messages.

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Office Equipment



Two important features of a new "Desk Partitioner" are a reversible side and a steel shelf. The reversible shelf permits the unit to be installed as either right or left hand "L". The clamping device prevents marring of desk top during or after installation. Frosted fluted plastic panels are shatterproof and removable. The new unit is a product of Marnay Sales Division, Rockaway Metal Products Corp., 41 East 42 St., New York City.

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Time chart aids employees understanding of time records measuring time in tenths and hun-

dredths of an hour. Since many firms use time clocks registering minutes in decimal equivalents, the new chart, available from Cincinnati Time Recorder Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, will explain and clarify the system. Printed in blue on white card stock, it measures 8½" x 11". It is large enough to be posted adjacent to time clocks or nearby bulletin boards.

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Fully automatic electric stapler has been introduced by Bostitch, Inc., 2012 Briggs Dr., East Greenwich, R. I. Staples are automatically driven when work is inserted against the combination back gauge and switch release. The

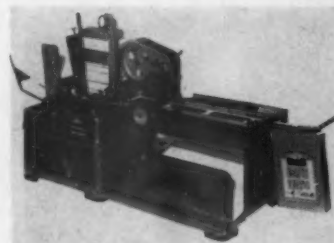
adjustable stapling gauge can be set to any depth up to 4¼ inches. The machine is loaded through a door on the front.

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Timing unit serves as a control measure for office managers and foremen to prevent abuse of coffee time breaks. Called Versatimer, it is a self-contained unit that you set for the length of break desired. Press the button sounding buzzer to signify start of break. At the end of the allotted time, the buzzer automatically sounds once again. It has no wires to plug in, is lightweight and portable. It is a product of The Versatile Tool Company, 122 Heywood Avenue, Springfield, Mass.

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Automatic feed addresser is particularly suited for smaller office operations. The new electric model manufactured by Elliott Addressing Machine Co., Cambridge, Mass. automatically feeds postcards, envelopes, folders, and sheets up to 7" x 10" at the rate of 2000 pieces per hour. Standard features include an attachment to prepare a list on either plain or gummed tape, automatic last stencil stop and print roll throwout actuated when there is no material in addressing position.

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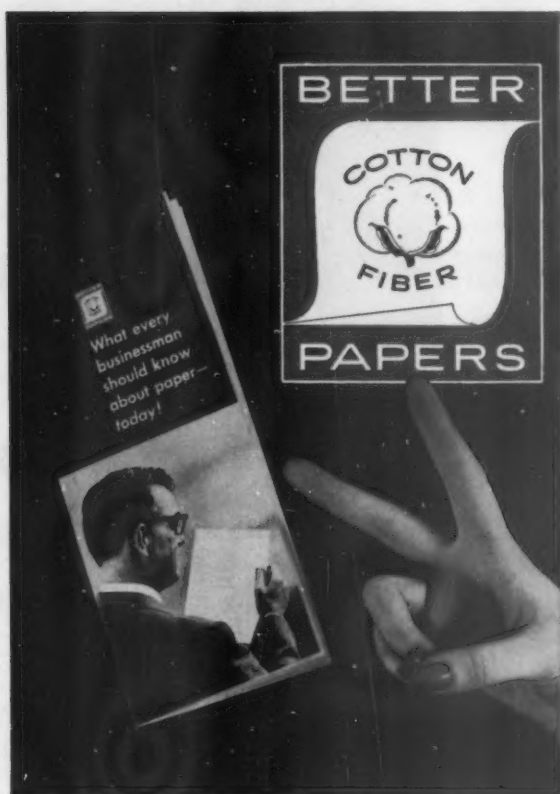


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Association News

Hartlove Tells Baltimore Assn.:

Train A Subordinate To Fill Your Shoes



Clyde S. Hartlove

MEMBERS of the Baltimore Association of Purchasing Agents were recently told to stop working so hard and start managing the department.

Clyde S. Hartlove, training director of the Wm. Schludenberg-T. J. Kurdle Company advised the large group of Baltimore P.A.'s that "The purchasing supervisor has not widened his horizon to the point where he is the manager of his department.

Delegate Responsibility

"Develop your work group to the point where you can delegate the greater part of your work to subordinates. This will leave you the time to study, investigate and develop procedures to improve the total purchasing job."

Mr. Hartlove struck out at supervisors who won't let go of their work. "They hang on so tightly to the minute details that they miss opportunities for promotion; they made themselves indispensable."

The best way to get a promotion advised Mr. Hartlove, is "to have someone trained and ready to fill your shoes."

He then followed this advice with a question which every purchasing agent should ask himself, "How many have the guts to do this?"

Mr. Hartlove then turned his attention to what he called "my

four favorite areas of supervisory responsibility." He listed them as: communications, training, discipline and understanding.

Training Director Hartlove told his audience that when things go wrong the best place to look is in communications. "Sometimes incomplete or poorly worded communications cause just as much trouble as none at all," he said.

"A purchasing agent will get a better job done if he plans his communications better and if he does more of it."

Mr. Hartlove moved into the second area of responsibility by reminding the group that, "90% of a purchasing agent's contacts with subordinates are in giving orders, instructing, disciplining or communicating. All of which are training of one sort or another.

"If the purchasing agent is not concerned with a planned system of training and development for his subordinates, he adds to his troubles. Some managers shout that they don't have time to work on training and go merrily on their way fighting all their many problems which are generally caused because they aren't doing any formal training.

Better Training

"Most people, when instructed properly, will go to any end to carry out their work satisfactorily. Train your people better and you

will eliminate many of the detail problems which you claim prevent you from doing long range planning and managing."

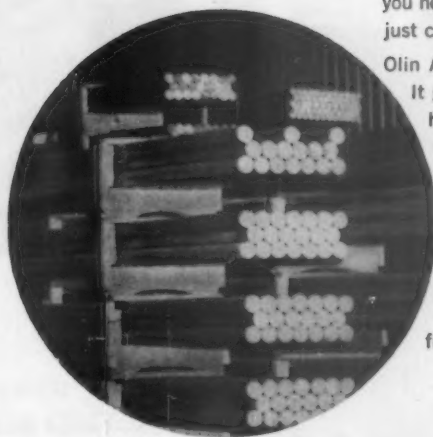
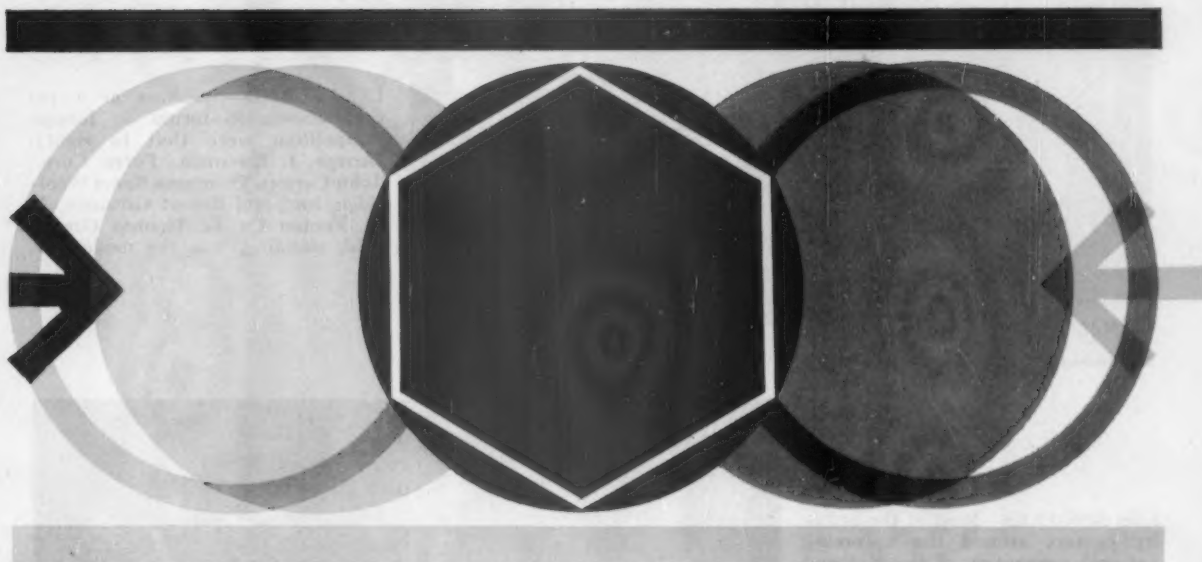
The last two areas of responsibility are directly related to the first two, he pointed out to the group.

About discipline and understanding Mr. Hartlove said: "A climate with good discipline will help you attain good supervision. Lack of discipline will create situations where the fellow one day is told he better get on the ball and produce or he will be fired. Yet, no one had told him in five years that he wasn't producing what was expected from him."

Mr. Hartlove then asked the Baltimore purchasing executives, "How on earth can a person improve his work if no one tells him what is wrong and then counsels him on where and how to improve."

He summed up his suggestions and criticisms by saying, "People bring to the job all their problems as well as their ambitions and desires. We must be interested in their growth as a member of the team. A purchasing executive or manager of a department must fulfill his duties and responsibilities through people. The quality of your supervision has a direct bearing on the success of your operation."

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CLEVELAND—Speakers at a recent association forum on foreign competition were (left to right): George J. Buerman, Ferro Corp.; John Corson, Thompson Ramo Woolridge, Inc.; and Robert Gresham, A. W. Fenton Co. G. Thomas Greenfield, standing, was the moderator.

LOS ANGELES—Most of the activity centers around the upcoming national convention of the National Association of Purchasing Agents to be held here. Shown at a planning meeting are: (left to right) John Haigrove, Braun Chemical Company; E. Benton Long, United States Lime Products; C. S. Perkins, Union Oil Company; Raymond Hill, Arizona Public Service Co.; and C. R. Raftery, Autonetics Division of North American Aviation.



HOUSTON—Leland Doland, Doland Industries (center), shakes hands with R. A. Castillo, Joseph T. Ryerson & Son, at the start of a recent association meeting. The attention of Haylett O'Neill of Humble Oil Co., Homer Beard of Moncrief Lenoir, and C. J. Stewart of Stewart & Stevenson Services is drawn away from the greetings.

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Association News

New P.A. Group In Central Penna.

A new purchasing agents association was recently formed in central Pennsylvania. It was organized by purchasing agents from the Harrisburg-Lancaster-York area at a meeting held in Harrisburg.

Sixty-one purchasing agents in the areas have indicated an interest in joining the association.

Paisley Boney, national vice president of District 5 of the National Association of Purchasing Agents, addressed the organizational meeting and explained N.A.P.A. to those present. The Purchasing Agents Association of Reading also had three representatives present. The Reading Association has agreed to sponsor the Central Pennsylvania Association for membership in N.A.P.A.

The association will either rotate its meetings among Harrisburg, Lancaster, and York or hold its meetings in a central location. The following temporary officers were elected: president, Joseph Keleman, Merck & Company; vice president, Donald B. Moore, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; secretary, Bert Silver, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and treasurer, Sam Shenk, Hubley Manufacturing Company.

Culture In Central Iowa

Members attending the recent meeting of the Central Iowa Association of Purchasing Agents



New member (left) W. J. Loeltz, Brady Motor Freight, is welcomed to his first meeting by membership chairman, Joe Krueger, The Parsons Company.

said it was one of the most outstanding meetings of the year.

The featured speaker was Dr. Millard G. Roberts, president, Parsons College, Fairfield, Iowa. The title of his address was, "Research, Culture and You."



Featured speaker (center) Dr. Millard Roberts, is greeted upon his arrival at the Central Iowa Association meeting by President Art Minor, (left) and Program Chairman Carl Davis.

R. Blough, president of Fairfield Engineering, and Ward Beale of the Marshalltown Container Company each gave brief talks on, "Know Your Company Better."

W. J. Loeltz of Brady Motor Freight, Des Moines, was elected to membership in the association.

Alabama P.A.'s Planning Dinner

Arthur V. Wiebel, president of Tennessee Coal & Iron Division of United States Steel Corp. will be the speaker at the 13th Annual Seller-Buyer Dinner sponsored by the Purchasing Agents Association of Alabama.

The meeting will be held at the Municipal Auditorium in Birmingham on February 11. The purchasing agents invite the salesmen serving industry and institutions of the state to meet with them. C. E. Wiberg, president of the Alabama Association, will host the proceedings at which a crowd of more than 1000 is expected.

George L. Wilson, Jefferson County Commission, is general chairman of the dinner. Carl F. Thomas, Owen-Richards Company, is co-chairman.

Industry

Corning Forms Ceramic Department

A new manufacturing department has been established by the **Corning Glass Works, Corning, N. Y.**, for the production of ceramic parts for the electronics industry. The new group will make ceramic and sintered glass parts for electronic tubes and other devices. It is headed by **Philip C. Leffel, Jr.**, formerly manager of the company's Receiver Bulb Sales Department.

Crane Packing Co. Builds Teflon Plant



A plant devoted exclusively to processing Teflon has been completed by the **Crane Packing Co., Morton Grove, Ill.** Machining and molding facilities will produce both standard and proprietary items from Teflon tubing, rod, sheet and tape. Sources of contamination such as dust and moisture have been minimized to protect the mechanical, electrical and chemical properties of the material.

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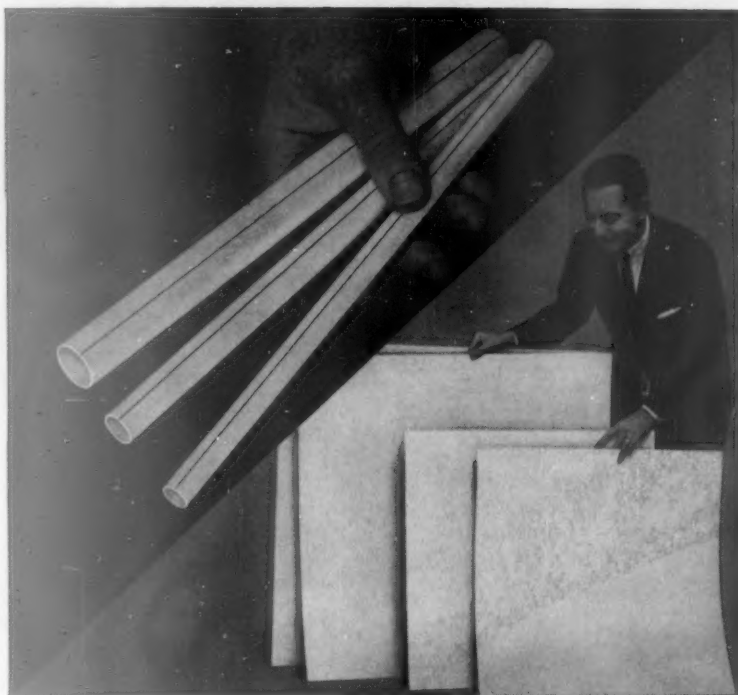
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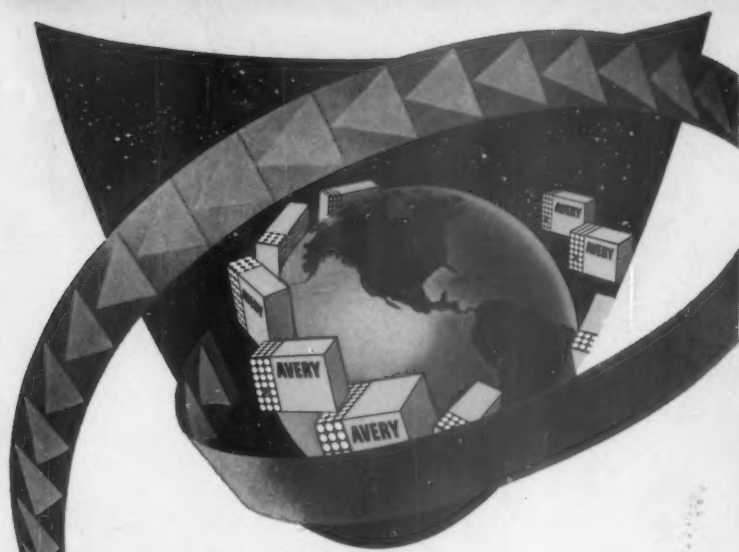
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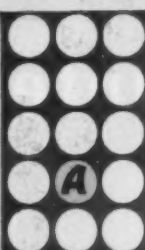


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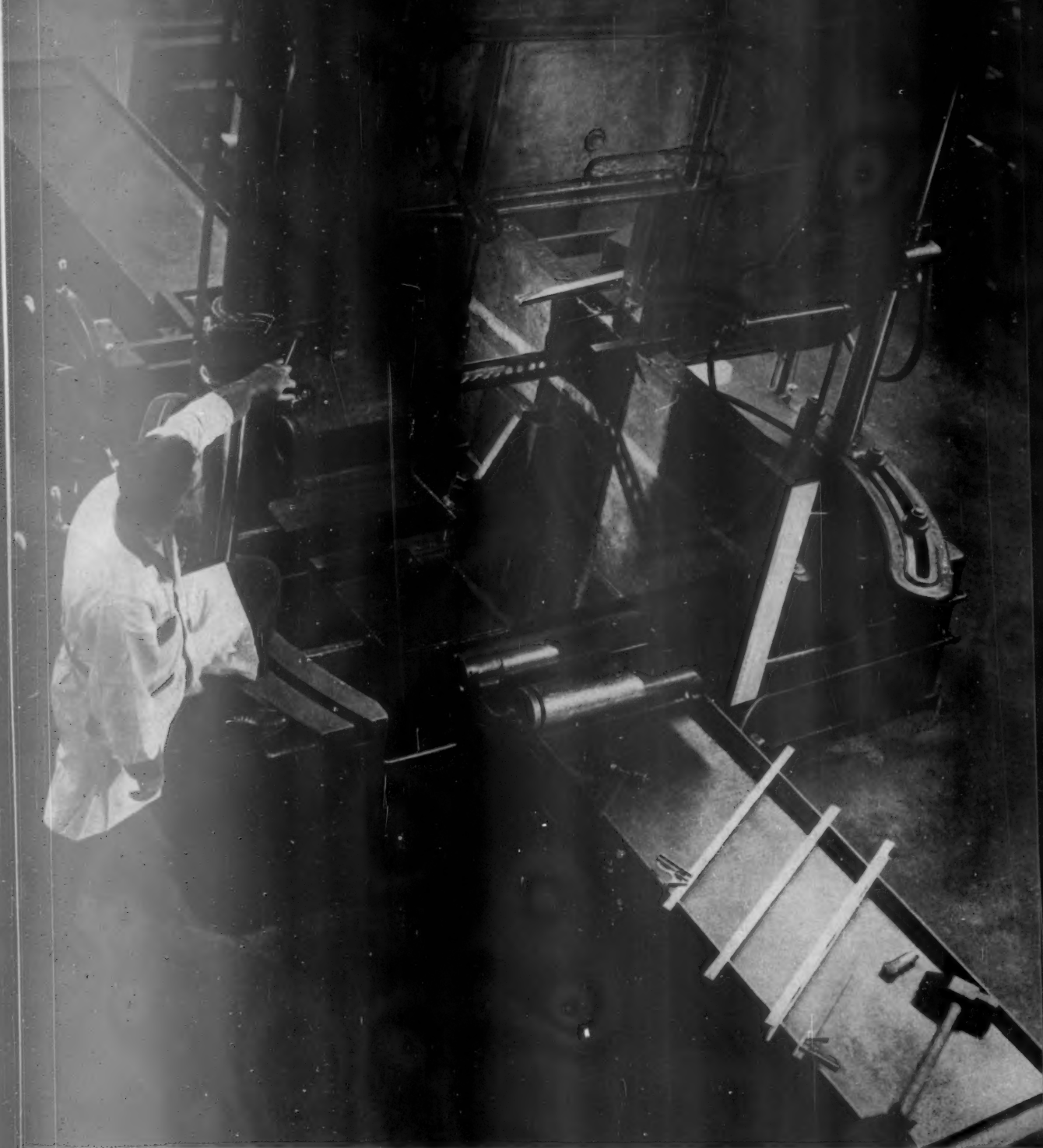
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How A City Saves

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using a standard 10" I beam which, of course, had additional strength and stiffness over the 8" beam. Instead of costing \$440.00 the job cost \$357.00, with a net savings of \$83.00, simply because this astute buyer, while he was not thinking of himself as an analyst, actually was performing value analysis.

Name the Source

Many using departments still knowingly or unknowingly try to violate another one of purchasing's basic prerogatives—naming the source of supply. Sometimes their reasons are well founded. But in many cases their designation of a brand name may be based on sheer prejudice and in a few isolated cases on commercial bribery. Value analysis, gives purchasing a fresh approach, new solutions, new viewpoints to cope with this situation.

One of our buyers was working on stainless steel strapping. Com-

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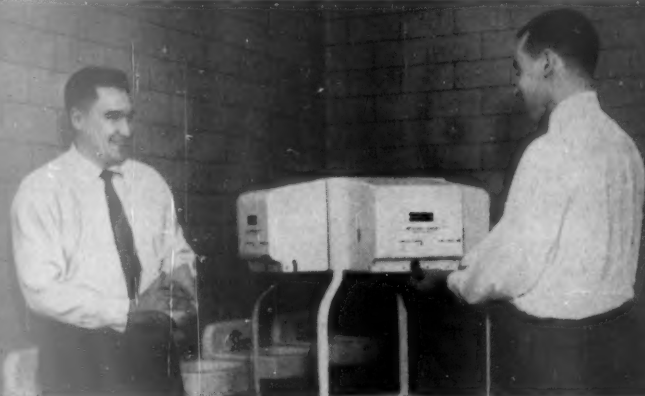
not rust. They had no comeback. We switched to Brand B at a 50% saving. Value analysis pays big dividends.

Many of you have found that just exercising your basic authority is often difficult because using departments feel purchasing is simply trying to put a feather in its own hat, comply with the law or take complete credit for savings. Value analysis sets the stage for an entirely new concept of what is actually the same job. Only those with whom you are working think it is different. Their participation and their faith in the purchasing department increase as they see benefits coming to them from purchasing's value analysis efforts. The purchasing department's stature grows and you begin to get compliance with purchasing policies not through ultimatum but by demonstration. After you get a good value analysis program going, you will find that instead of you having to go to the using department, that they will be coming to you for help on their problems.

I have used only a few scattered examples of value analysis to illustrate several avenues of approach. Value analysis really is not new. Ability to perform it has always been one of the attributes of a good buyer or purchasing agent. Many times he has performed the function without thinking of it as such. Many times he may have accomplished the task only in part. Perhaps now is a good time to reorient our people to the concept, restate the principles, give it a new name. It will help us do our basic job more painlessly, and make cooperative effort more palatable to using departments. They'll accept value analysis and work with us on it, because they can see real results from it. ► END

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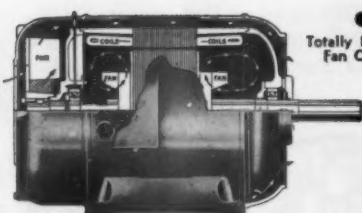
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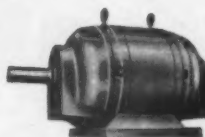


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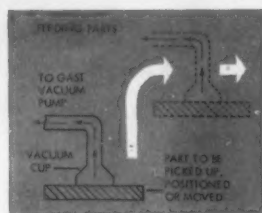
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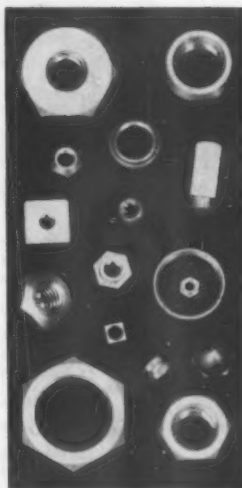
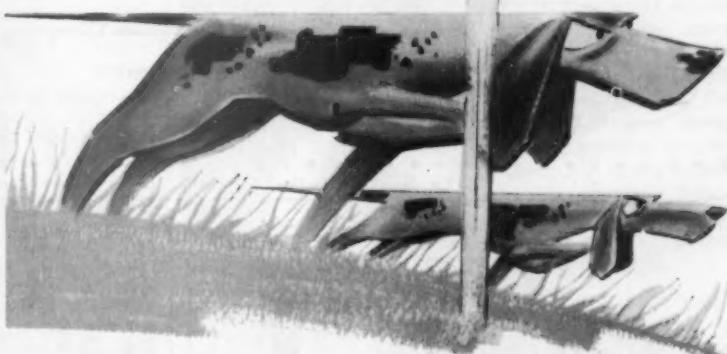
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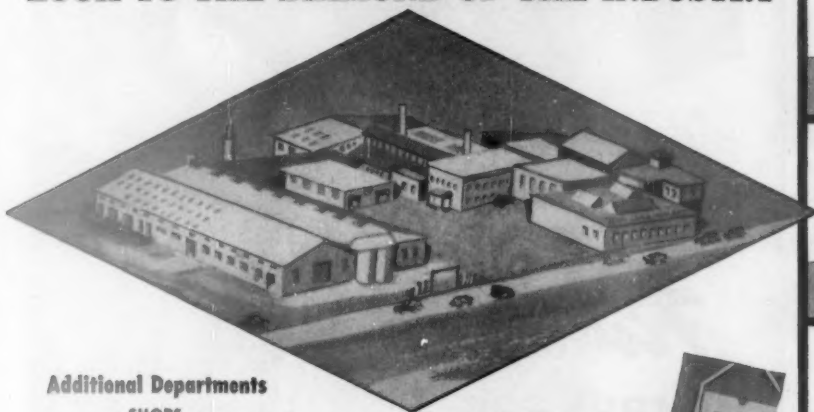
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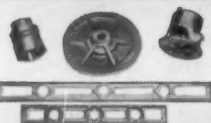
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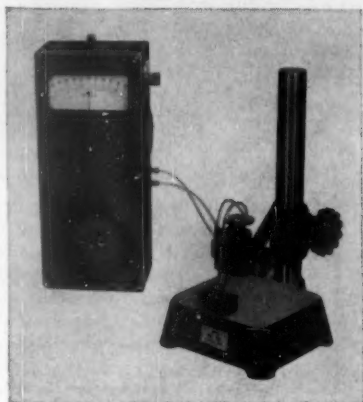


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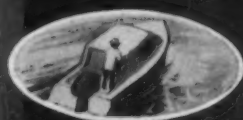
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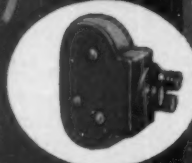
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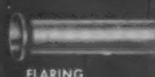
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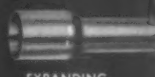
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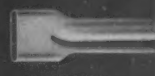
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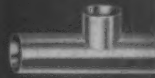
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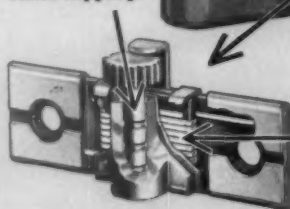
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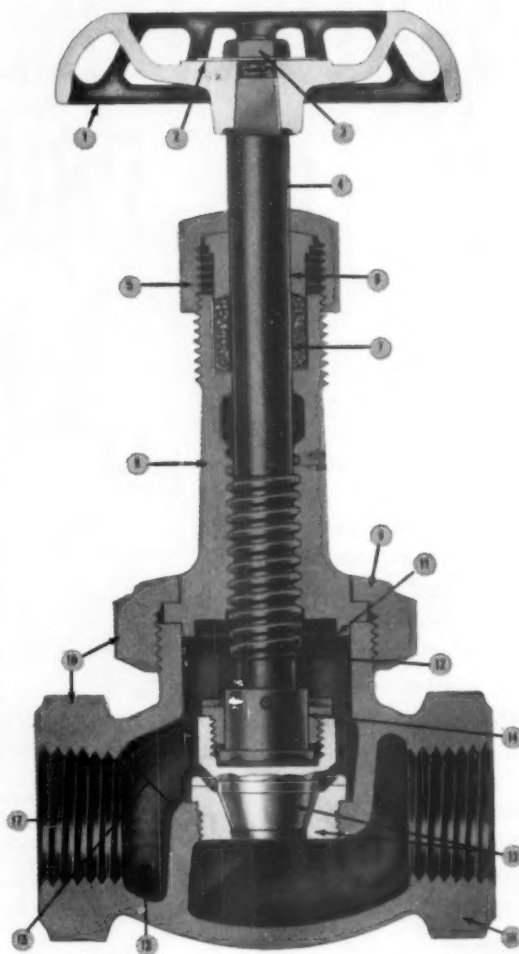
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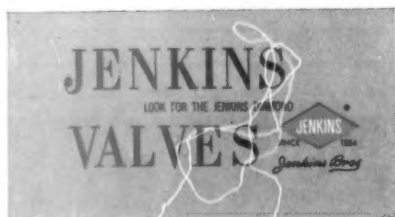
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